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IRA puts a bomb under peace talks

Ireland Correspondent

The Irish peace process received a sharp blow and a sig-nificant boost in quick succession vesterday, when an ominous IRA statement was followed by a sign of overwhelming Protestant approval for talks with Sinn Fein.

Most worryingly for the British and Irish governments, the IRA calmly announced that would have problems with" the Mitchell principles of com-mitment to non-violence and democracy, which Sinn Fein formally accepted on Tuesday.

The six principles pledge a commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organisations, a renunciation of the use of force and agreement to abide by the terms of any new agreement reached in the ne-

The IRA statement, made in an interview in the publication Republican News, appeared to provide strong evidence to back up Unionist complaints that on the issue, it will have a sigsign Fein's pledge was no more inficant influence on the party terms with sections of the than an empty formula. Sinn leadership's decision. The IRA Mitchell principles Bureau the comment is thus seen as either the treatment of the party was "committed to total leadership's provocative or, and prescript and prescript." ly democratic and neaceful means in the search for peace and that "Sinn Fein is not the

IRA and speaks for itself." But few across the political spectrum were prepared to accept the proposition that Sinn Fein and the IRA were completely separate entities, and that one section of the republican movement could proclaim its pacifism while the other specifically reserved the right to

return to violence. The almost universal view in political and security circles is Unionist Party supporters

inextricably linked, with a common political direction and significant dual membership. The statement may have been designed to reassure IRA hardliners that Sinn Fein's endorsement of the Mitchell principles did not mean the terrorist organisation had formal-

ly renounced violence forever.
On one reading it was little more than a statement of the obvious, given that the organisation has made clear that its ceasefire, declared in mid-July, is complete but not permanent. But it can be taken as indicating a cavalier attitude to

formal pledges. Its timing was seen as par-ticularly unhelpful to those within David Trimble's Ulster Unionists who are arguing that the party should go into the multi-party talks when they recon-

vene in Belfast on Monday. A key meeting of the party executive is to be held in Belfast tomorrow. Although it will not have decision making powers best, indifferent to the concerns reiterate the familiar position of Unionists at a sensitive

But the party decision is also likely to be influenced by the near-sensational findings of a new opinion poll, which appears to show that an overwhelming majority of Unionists favour entry into talks.

The poll, carried out by the Belfast Telegraph, in association with the Rowntree Trust and others, found that no fewer than 93 per cent of Ulster

that Sinn Fein and the IRA are favoured staying in the talks The surprise at the strength of feeling uncovered by the poll-was compounded by the fact that three-quarters of support-ers of Reverend Ian Paisley felt that he too should stay in the talks.

He has already walked out of the proceedings, denouncing them as a dangerous sham. It is not clear whether the fact that 86 per cent-of all Protestants want their representatives to be there will bring about a change of mind on Dr Paisley's part, but the figures will certainly make it very difficult for Mr Trimble to rum his back on the negotiations.

In the meantime, however, a shower of condemnation descended on the republican movement in the light of the comments of the IRA spokesman, who said: "What they [Sinn Fein] do is a matter for them. Their affirmation of these principles is quite compatible with their position.

"As to the IRA's attitude to the Mitchell principles per se,

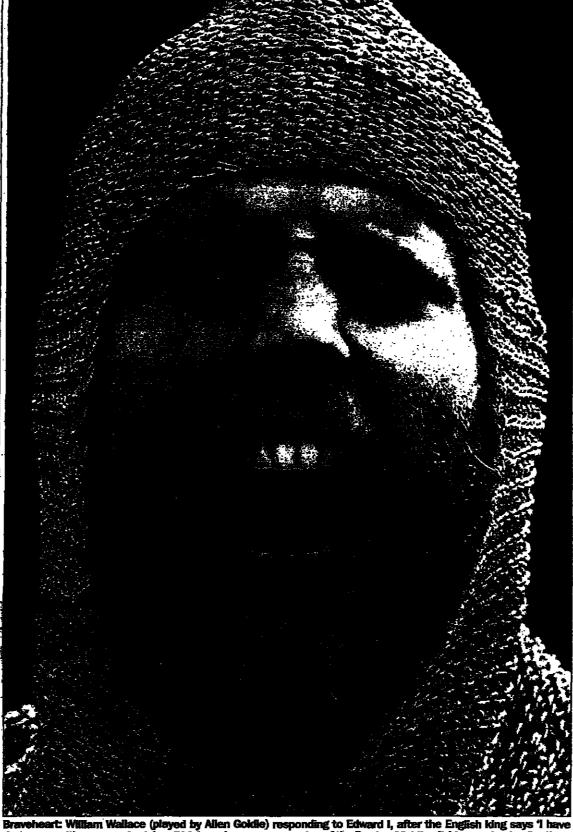
that decomm iomie of LKA weapons is not to be expected this side of a political settlement. A spokesman for the Northern Ireland Office said the comments were worrying, adding that if republicans dis-honoured the Mitchell princi-

the comments were a matter of major concern. Can the puzzle be solved?

ples "they will be out of the

negotiations." In Dublin, the

Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, said



done away with an an outlaw', in a 700th anniversary re-creation of the Battle of Stirling Bridge on the day Scotland

Resay, page 16 voted on Home Rule. You have not,' says Wallace, 'you have made a nation'

Photograph: Brian Harris

Scotland roars... rather quietly

Scotland went to the polls yesterday not so much with a roar more a polite whimper. As preparations began for a re-enactment of the battle of Stirling Bridge, 700 years ago, when William Wallace saw off the English, voting in the historic home rule referendum was,

in parts, distinctly slow.

The early turnout was reported to be "noticeably down" on what is usual for a general election (71 per cent last May). Later, heavy rain fell across the central belt, much to satisfaction of "No" campaigners. A turnout much below the 63 per cent figure achieved in the abortive 1979 referendum would be regarded as a poor endorsement for Home Rule.

A parliament for Scotland will have repercussions for Westminster, and its confrontational style of politics, way beyond any-thing most MPs have yet contemplated, according to leaders of the coalition that has worked effectively for Home Rule.

As voters went to the polls, the political parties were already looking ahead to the composition and character of the new as-Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for

Scotland, is being tipped as Scotland's prime minister" - the officially titled First Minister who will head the devolved administration.

Mr Dewar, 60, was typically reticent when asked yesterday whether he wanted the job, but close colleagues believe he would be an "excellent" choice...

The repercussions of setting up a parliament in Edinburgh will be considerable. At least a dozen Labour MPs with seats in Scotland are believed to want to stand for the new body. Mr Dewar and Henry the devolution minister, have both voiced an

Competition to get on Labour's panel is expected to be fierce. It is likely to be restricted to about 200 names and will be vetted by the party leadership in London to keep out the municipal time-servers of the central belt who have severely tarnished Labour's image in recent months.

Several Liberal Democrat MPs are con-

sidering a transfer, and all six Scottish Nationalist MPs are certain to stand.

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Whitehall's 'Ministry of Truth' to rival Millbank machine

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then his is another famous victory for Labour's spin doctors. After repeated complaints about the Sovernment Information Service from Tony Blair's ministers. Whitehall is to set up a media monitoring um modelled on the party's slick PR operation. In a ground-breaking initia-

ive, press officers seconded om each Government department will work in a team to second, analyse, and, if necesnews about Government poliin the media, The Indepennt can reveal.

The unit, already being called he "Ministry of Truth" by some eptical civil servants, will be op-cational within a month. Mike branatt, the head of the GIS, is press secretary, is taking a keen

Since coming to office, many ministers had been relying on a daily bulletin prepared by the Labour Party's own monitoring unit at Millbank, near Westminster, charting daily presentation of policy in the media. There had been increasing unease among civil servants over the influence of Millbank.

Four departmental press heads have gone from their posts since Labour came to power, and others are said to be under threat. This week it was announced that Gill Samuel, head of information at the Ministry of Defence, is being replaced. Other changes have included fill Rutter, a senior civil servant at the Treasury, who asked to return to policy duties,

officially in charge, but Alastair and the removal from his post ideas for each Government de-Campbell, the Prime Minister's of Andy Wood, director of information at the Northern Ireland Office.

Last month, Mr Granatt told a meeting of departmental information heads that drastic action was needed to counter ministers' disillusionment with aspects of the GIS. The decision to go ahead with a pilot project was taken two weeks ago, at anoth-er meeting at the Home Office.

funding, with some departments wanting the Treasury to-pick up the main part of the bill.

It is estimated that around 20 people would be needed to run the unit. But it has not yet been decided where it is to be physically situated. There are also ongoing discussions about the

The unit will not be dealing directly with the media. Instead it is designed to be an internal pool for information and

partment. Those selected to be on it will be expected to not only record what the media are say-Party in this".

ing, but dissect it and present a critique. Any " mistake" or "twisting" of the perceived facts by journalists will be immediately noted and passed on to appropriate departments.

Ministers want to know how their statements or actions have been portrayed at the earliest opportunity. Many of them, and their advisers from Millbank, were astonished to discover that some duty press officers do not have access to the first editions of the newspapers at night.

After one press conference. senior minister called his Whitehall press team together to complain he had never been so badly prepared. A junior min-ister complained: "It was a shock after dealing with the peo-

ple at Milibank to come here. Quite frankly they have an awful lot to learn from the Labour

A senior information officer said: "We are always willing to learn. The fact remains that the Labour Party ran a very slick and successful media campaign in the run-up to the election, and ministers were unhappy with what they found at many of their departments.

"It is a fact that many ministers were relying on the briefpapers sent from the Millbank monitoring unit, and we had to either adapt or see our role being eroded. So this came about. There is some talk of a cull of the GIS by the new Government. But that is not the case. In some cases there simply has not been the chemistry needed between ministers and

Memorial plans The Chancellor, Gordon Brown, who is chairing the committee planning a memorial for Diana, Princess of Wales, met

her brother Earl Spencer to dis-

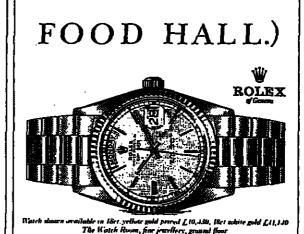
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economic dogma today by aban-doning state ownership of in-dustry as the sacred doctrine of government policy in a speech to the 15th Communist Party Congress in Peking. Page11

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ess smell, more profit, says British Gas

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The pipeline company which distributes gas around Britain is trying to change its smell. Unions argued yesterday that

the company was planning to make it smell less like gas because, if it succeeded, there would be fewer reports of leaks and it would need fewer engi-

eers employed on call-outs. Transco, the British Gas supply subsidiary which has ched the alleged plan, conedes that it may well reduce the pong quotient, but said it had nothing to do with job losses.

when the company alluded to week to discuss 2,500 redundancies among the engineers.

A document shown to the union said that the artificial smell added to the odourless North Sea gas was to be reduced to the "minimum level to achieve customer awareness and recognition. While the old town gas had a satisfactory stench of its own, the new sup-ply needed an additive to easily that leaks could be detected.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison told TUC reduce the levels of "odorant"

lic service union, smelled a rat would be put at risk if Transco went ahead with the strategy. committed to safety. the scheme in a meeting this Mike Ieram, the union's head of energy, added: "When water leaks you get wet, when gas leaks you are dead".

Sue Slipman, director of the Gas Consumers' Council, said she was worried about the plan: "This clearly has implications for safety standards and we shall be seeking an urgent meeting with Transco. Even if it is scientifically justified it represents a worsening of standards."

A statement from Transco contended that its intention to

delegates in Brighton that lives had nothing to do with costs. would be put at risk if Transco The company was absolutely It was conducting a review of

the malodorous chemical added to gas, but its intention was to improve safety. The statement said that Transco was required by legislation to inject odorant into gas so that its characteristic smell can be identified anywhere in the country. "Too much odorant will give rise to unnecessary gas call outs so diverting resources from the source of real escapes. This could endanger life and property and would be completely contrary to Transco's





significant shorts

Life sentence for schoolboy arsonist

A schoolboy arsonist who started more than 140 fires was ordered to be detained for life yesterday after doctors at a top-security hospital refused to admit him.

Darren Marklew, 16, of Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, was told by Judge John Hopkin at Nottingham Crown Court: "I regard you as an extremely dangerous individual." He said he had hoped to send the boy to Rampton for an indefinite period under the Mental Health Act. But Rampton officials wrote to the court saying: "We take the view that he is too young and immature to be

admitted to a hospital of this type."

The judge said: "The only way to protect the public is to pass on you a sentence of detention for life. I recommend eight years." He said he hoped the Home Secretary could move Marklew to somewhere with suitable treatment for his disorder.

Health staff 'unhappy with their lot'

Nurses, midwives and physiotherapists will submit bids to the

Government today for better pay.

To back their case they will present evidence from a survey of health professionals that widespread discontent at increasing workloads, stress and lack of career development is leading to shortages of physiotherapists, occupational therapists and radiographers. The survey found that 70 per cent of these health workers have considered leaving their current job with more than half looking for work outside the NHS.

The evidence will be presented to the Pay Review Body on behalf of Professions Allied to Medicine (PAM) which include art therapists, physiotherapists, dietitians, chiropodists and occupational therapists. Joce Prudence, secretary for PAM staff, said: "The survey provides yet more evidence of a crisis in the NHS ... The NHS is going to have to be a better employer if the crisis is

New inquiry into secret Irish payouts

The Dail last night approved a new investigation into payments to Irish politicians and the sources of £38m in secret offshore accounts traced through a Dublin bank, from which payments were

made to former taoiseach Charles Haughey.

The deputy prime minister Mary Harney has ordered investigations of Celtic Helicopters, a firm owned by Mr Haughey's son Ciaran, and former transport minister Michael Lowry's refrigeration supply firm, Streamline. Both were named in the recent McCracken inquiry into gifts to politicians. Alan Murdoch

Academy silent over Hindley show



The Royal Academy of Arts yesterday refused to say whether it will include in its forthcoming Sensation exhibition a portrait of the Moors murderer Myra Hindley made from children's

The exhibition opens on Tuesday and there has been widespread condemnation of the RA's decision to show the painting (left). Other exhibits feature nine pints of blood and dismembered limbs. The painter Peter Coker and

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fellow academicians have called for the resignation of the Academy's president, Sir Philip Dowson, and other senior figures for sanctioning a show that relied on "shock tactics". An RA spokeswoman said yesterday: "We will not be making any statement until the opening of the exhibition.

Crime squad chief appointed

Regional police chief Roy Penrose has been appointed as the first head of the newly established National Crime Squad, it was announced yesterday

Mr Penrose 55, currently co-ordinator of regional crime squads in England and Wales, is to become director-general of the national unit which has been set to help investigate serious crimes throughout the country. The squad will begin work next April and will assist police forces, customs and MI5. In a second appointment, John Hamilton, 53, the Chief Constable of Fife, will be the new director-general of the National Criminal Intelligence Service, the organisation which collections and analyses information. Next April, NCIS will break away from the Home Office and become an independent agency to work alongside the new crime squad.

Roadside strip show on the way

The advertising guru who raised temperatures with the Wonderbra ads is hoping to raise them a little further with his latest innovation

 a 20-foot high billboard model who actually strips.
 The advertisement, devised by Trevor Beattle for Pretty Polly tights, uses motorised billboards to show a model first in a little black dress, then stripped to her tights. The striptease will take place every few seconds on seven roadside sites around the country, and the AA today issued a reminder to male motorists to keep their eves on the road.



Angela Eagle: Her constituency has pledged to stand by her Photograph: Andrew Buurman

I have not changed, says Lesbian MP who came out

esbian, gay and bisexual MPs were last night urged to follow the lead given by Angela Eagle in yessterday's Independent, putting an end to the clos-

et secrecy surrounding their sexuality.

Peter Tatchell of OutRage, the gay rights group, said the junior Environment Minister's decision was "brave, positive and commendable." But he told The Independent: "Let us hope that other MPs will now be emboldened to follow suit. There must be about 60 lesbian, gay or bisexual MPs. There are some who hold quite senior positions in all three main parties. Being secretive about their sexuality only adds to the idea that there is something sordid about being gay."

Mr Tatchell explained that he was basing his estimate of parliamentary numbers on research showing that about 10 per cent of the population were lesbian, gay of personal - father than any specific knowledge of the newly-elected Cemmons.

He said that those who announced their sexuality in the way that Ms Eagle had done helped to make it Those who kept it secret also recognised the increased ter all we are in 1997 not 1897. stress induced by leading a double life.

Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, had shown that no harm was done to political careers. But Mr Tatchell suggested that MPs who feared being individually tormented by tabloid newspapers should group together and sign a Commons motion of support for homosexual equality - as gay

In a statement about her future yesterday, Ms Eagle said: 'Although a new aspect of my life has been made more widely known, I have not changed. I should like to reassure my constituents that I shall be working as hard on their behalf as I have always

Merseyside's evening newspaper, the Liverpool Echo, last night reported strong support for the MP's

Councillor Don Prout, Chairman of her constituency party, said: "I would not see why the constituency would look unfavourably on her because she has made: this information public.

Anthony Bevins

The billionaire's ex-wife who couldn't

Wildenstein, right, that she has never even had worry where exactly in their Manhattan townalone do something as compli-

cated as make toast.

Believe Jocelyn Wildenstein when and his father, Daniel Wilden-

A lawyer for 52-year-old Mrs Wildenstein argued that without house, the kitchen actually is, let help his client was helpless. alone do something as compli
"It may be a luxurious town-



even find her kitchen and make toast

she says she is no good in the stein, had apparently not just kitchen. So cosseted has been her turned off her allowance but also existence as wife of art dealer Alec told the staff at the townhouse to down tools.

Trouble is the Wildensteins are in the midsts of a divorce of the boards," said Bernard Clair. "She messiest kind, and this week Jo- no longer has her staff; she celyn was in court in New York pleading for help. Her husband kitchen".

house, but to her it's a prison. She doesn't even have keys to the cup-

doesn't even have access to the



Millions weep as Kremlin's crooner quits his own way

Russia, was anything but that.

Few would dispute that the career of the Kremlin's favourite crooner had its intriguingly murky moments. Last night, the celebrated baritone finally retired, ending a 40-year career in which he became the former Soviet Union's richest singer, and

He said he was quitting because he didn't want to become a bore, but losif Kobzon, the Frank Sinatra of concert, held on his 60th birthday. Boris Yeltsin marked the occasion by awarding him a medal for "service

to Russia". The President, like most of his countrymen, was evidently un-perturbed by the whiff of scandal that continued to flock en masse to his has surrounded Mr Kobzon, notably allegations that he has close ties with organised crime. Last year, suspicions one of the more controversial figures in show business. Tens of millions surrounding the singer's off-stage activities found their way into the head-

ly revoked his American visa after the FBI concluded that he had links to the Russian Mob in the US.

None of this, however, has corroded Mr Kobzon's enormous popconcerts to listen to a repertoire that. over the years, encompassed Soviet patriotic songs, folk songs and syrupy romances.

Phil Reeves

briefing

Rural youth found to be ignorant about drugs

Young people in rural areas are living in ignorance about drugs because they are too embarrassed to ask for information, a report published yesterday claims. Many young people feel they are mable to access the drugs information available in their small communities because they would be exposed and stigmatised according the Home Office Police Research Group.

Police, parents, teachers and teenagers must work together to prevent drug abuse in the countryside, the report's authors claim. The survey focused on a four-week initiative involving police. parents, teachers and young people in the rural Yorkshire area around the small town of Driffield, 20 miles from Hull. Its findings will be contributed to the current national debate on drugs.
Young people in the area said it was impossible to seek

confidential information about drugs in the area, and many said they were scared that they would be viewed as addicts simply by asking for advice. Although the report conceded that there was less of a drugs problem in rural areas than in towns, the authors argued that the issue did need to be tackled.

LEISURE

Virtual pets pose real health risk

Adding to the debate over electronic pets, a Chinese expert says they make children lonely. Playing with computer pets can create obstacles to developing normal social connections, Sun Yunxiao of the Chinese Youth Research Center told the official Xinhua News

Agency.

Chinese schools banned electronic pets last month after teachers said they were too distracting. The egg-size toys require owners to press buttons periodically to feed and care for the pets. which include dogs, cats, dimosaurs and other creatures. Chinese schools banned electronic pets last month after teachers said they were too distracting. The egg-size toys require owners to press buttons periodically to feed and care for the pets, which include

dogs, cats, dinosaurs and other creatures.

"Children who are obsessed with the pets usually care less about others and are more likely to get angry over minor conflicts and look for ways to get revenge," Mr Sun was paraphrased as

TRANSPORT

Payback time for the motorist

Drivers of electric cars may be able to recover some of their running costs by selling surplus battery power back into the national grid when the vehicles are parked.

A report in this week's New Scientist suggests that if a substantial proportion of the United States' 146 million cars were powered by electricity, they could, in theory at least, provide the American national grid with 16 times its capacity. Electric cars could charge during the night, when electricity is plentiful, and then be plugged into the grid when parked in the day, helping the generating companies cover so-called "spikes" in demand.

The cars could be programmed to retain enough power to get their owners back home, and fuel cell or turbine-electric vehicles.

which make their own electricity, could generate a healthy income for their owners.

Willet Kempton, of the University of Delaware, says that his study, originally published in Transportation Research, shows that electric vehicles could replace dezens of conventional power stations.

A prototype system, which allows drivers to feed back power into the grid, has already been developed by Wavedriver, a British company based in Hertfordshire.

Michael Hanlon

Owners the key to cutting thefts

As many as 20 per cent of drivers leave their keys in the ignition when paying for petrol – making themselves easy targets for forecourt thieves, says a report yesterday. Some were away from their cars for more than five minutes,

revealed car security company Toad Innovations. It carried out spot checks on more than 2,000 cars at petrol

stations throughout England.

The problem was getting worse, said the survey – estimates last year revealed that only 10 per cent were leaving keys in the

The company revealed that there are more than 20,000 thefts of cars form petrol stations every year as a direct result of drivers' forgetfulness.

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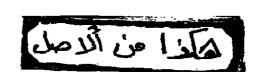


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Prozac, opium and myrrh: the ancient arts of anaesthesia are unlocked

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A medieval hospital that strad-dled the main highway between England and Scotland has yielded the secrets of its extensive pharmacopoeia showing that centuries-old treatments offered to the casualties of war between the two countries have never been bettered by modern

More than 200 herbs and spices were used in combinations to provide early painkillers and anaestheties, antiseptics and anti-depressants for the retreating English armies - in some cases hundreds of years recorded use.

Though the discovery has surprised historians, it will be greeted with quiet satisfaction by addicts of Ellis Peters' Brother Cadfael books - whodunings about a medieval monk who potters in his herb garden, concocting remedies.

Detailed examination of the "medical waste" - mainly blood and human remains - retrieved from the drains of Soutra Hospital near Edinburgh, show that the Augustinian brethren who ran it for 500 years, from the 12th to the 17th centuries, were sophisticated physicians able to offer everything from major surgery to sleeping draughts for

Battle-scarred soldiers facing amputation were anaesthetised

opium and hemlock - several hundred years before the age of anaesthetics is understood to have begun with the discovery of ether and chloroform in the 1830s. Pregnant women were given ergot and juniper berries to induce labour long before natural childbirth was thought of, and patients afflicted with melancholia were offered St

John's wort - still in use and

known as "nature's Prozac". Records held in archives at

atural drug: St John's Wort,

Edinburgh's National Museum show that the hospital, one of the largest in Europe in the Middle Ages, was taken over on at least 80 occasions by English armies. Dr Brian Moffat, the archaeologist who has led the investigation, said that some English kings returned again and again. 'It was usually the ones with blood on their hands - Edward I, II and III. One can only as-

their standards. They didn't like to rough it, you know."

Dr Moffat, who describes

himself as a professional muck-raker, has been analysing the contents of the hospital's drains for more than a decade looking for clues to the remedies and treatments used. Grisly evidence of amputations comes from the "surgical offcuts" that litter the site and mixtures of seeds indicate the drug cocktails that were given. "Discarded seeds are the mirror image of a recipe. If you can get hold of the seeds you can get inside the mind of the medieval physician," said Dr Moffat.

Opium was mixed with land to provide an analgesic salve for wounds. The addition of myrrh, a highly efficient bactericide, and honey gave it antiseptic as well as pankilling properties. The use of myrrh, which came only from south-west Arabia, suggested the hospital was rich and well-connected.

Infestations of lice and scabies, frequent among the malnourished, were treated with arsenic preparations which were still in use in the Royal Edinburgh hospital in the 1960s. Worm infestations were treated with tormentil, a herb similar to the more common silverweed. Tincture of tormentil is still available from chemists as a treatment for worms and as an astringent for diarrhoea.

"What this means is that in - 800 years, that treatment has not



you may not have heard of it is that drug companies cannot make a profit out of something that grows on every Scottish hill-

top," Dr Moffat said.

The findings have stirred debate in medical circles over whether the medical history books will have to be rewritten. Professor Adam Smith of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh told BBC Radio 4's Today that Dr Moffat had provided a new picture of medieval anaesthetics, "We had always thought the simplest anaesthetic was to give an overdose of alcohol and render the patient senseless," the professor said. Dr Moffat said: "Our re-

search provides proof positive of the use of anaesthetics 500 years before [medical circles]

Video clue to cot death mystery

Tim Cornwell Los Angeles

Research findings by a contro-versial British doctor who claims to have used hidden cameras to film mothers trying to strangle or choke their babies are to be published in an American medical journal.

Paediatrician Dr David Southall became a deeply controversial figure when it emerged that he had arranged the secret taping of parents af-ter their children were hospitalised because they were thought to be at risk of cot death - also known as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Sids).

But Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatricians, will publish his work as the leading article in its November issue along with a "laudatory" commentary from one of America's best-known experts on child abuse.

The journal's editor, Dr Jerold Lucey, said Dr Southall had been pilloried in some quarters in Britain for approv-ing the secret filming of families where he suspected that abuse, not medical illness, explained cot death. But attitudes were very different on the other side of the Atlantic, and the article was an attempt to vindicate Dr Southall's work, much of it at the North Staffordshire Infirmaty in Stoke-on-Trent.

"The British attitude seems to be that it wasn't cricket," Dr Lucey said. "We happen to think he's a hero." He said the journal would seek permission to take the videotapes and make them available on the Internet as a teaching tool, with faces blocked out. Most pediatricians cannot

bring themselves to believe that a mother could murder her

own child, but Dr Southall's work was "proof positive" in pic-tures. Dr Southall has become a major figure in a debate that has raged on both sides of the Atlantic for 25 years over the medical diagnosis of Sids and how often it is a cover for child abuse or infanticide - particularly where a previous death of a child in a family is blamed on

cot death. In 1972, Pediatrics published an article that examined two deaths from Sids in a New York family, and suggested that it could run in families. It helped to create an entire industry devoted to diagnosing and testing for Sids. But two decades later the mother in the case, Waneta Hoyt, confessed to

killing five of her children. Dr Southall, armed with studies of thousands of children, led those who challenged the notion that Sids ran in families and set out to prove that it was impossible to identify babies that were going to die. His work is described in a new book. The Killing of Innocents, published in the US by Bantam.

Dr Lucey refused to supply a copy of the journal, saying it was embargoed for publication in November, and Dr Southail did not return phone calls yes-terday. But his work will reportedly be printed alongside new US research showing that of 155 cases of "near miss" Sids cases at a hospital in Massachusetts over 20 years, in which children have reportedly stopped breathing and been revived, one-third had suspicious circumstances.

The article brings together research that started in the 1980s and reportedly involved the filming of hundreds of parents hospitalised with their infant children.

sume the facilities were up to been improved on. The reason ...while tomorrow's surgeons will rely on virtual reality

Charles Arthur Science Editor

British surgeons will lead the world by using virtual reality (VR) systems to repair damaged arteries, a technique that could be available to thousands of people within two years. The new operation is poten-

tially less hazardous than the standard operation, and VR could also help doctors score themselves for accuracy and speed in performing surgery, the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Leeds heard vesterday. Professor Peter Bell of the

University of Leicester revealed that within eight months he bones the first test will go ahead at Leicester Royal Infirmary with a human volunteer. It will nse keybole surgery with VR techniques to repair a weakened section of the aorta's wall.

The aorta is the main blood vessel leading from the heart, - can be fatal if it bursts. Roughly 10,000 people are reckoned to die every year from aneurysms.

Surgeons can already repair aortic aneurysms using keyhole surgery, in which a probe is inserted into the femoral artery, in the groin, and pushed up to-wards the heart. At the aneurysm site, a tube of metal - known as a "stent" - is left to support the aorta's wall and reduce the stress on it.

But the process is difficult and risky. The aorta has a web of branches, and inserting the probe into the wrong branch could be deadly. Thus, it has to be tracked using X-rays throughout the operation.

"The surgeons and theatre staff have to wear lead-lined clothes, and a lot of people are getting exposed to radiation over a long period," said Pro-fessor Bell. "It isn't good." Roughly 3,000 aortic repairs are carried out every year in Britain.

The new VR systems, being developed together with University College London, would take results from a computerised tomography (CI) scan to build up a picture of the path of the aorta within the body, and

of the location of the ancurysm. The results of the scan are then fed into a computer, which which the surgeon views while operating via 3-D goggles or on a TV monitor.

The tip of the probe carrying the stent is fitted with induction coils, which give out a magnetic field so that it can be tracked up the aorta. By combining this data with the CT scans, the computer can show the surgeon precisely where the steat is.

The operation is ideal for this sort of "fly-by-wire" surgery, said Professor Bell, because the patient does not move, and the aorta does not move, unlike organs such as the heart or



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Mars mission reaches critical stage

Amanda Kelly

Global Surveyor, the spacecraft night ready for the critical rocket firings that will guide it into

Coming soon after the Padifinder project, the spacecraft will perform the most comprehensive photographic survey of another planet ever undertaken, and provide scienusis with vessel and an appear in, may to detail in maps of our nearest reaches of the Martian atmossites where life might have taknetter maps of our meanest phere to lose speed and height. en hold, including areas where extraterrestrial life intensifies.

isted of Earth itself, until recently.

In the early hours of this which is set to revolutionise our morning, ground control was knowledge of Mars, was last due to attempt a risky 22minute engine burn to slow the spacecraft to about 9.000mph and place it into an

elliptical orbit.
This will be followed by four months in which ground control will use a pavigational technique called aerobraking, in which the

The craft, which is about the size of a large garden shed and weighs about one ton, will not land on Mars. Instead it will position itself in a low orbit, taking high-resolution photographs which will show objects as small

as 1.5 metres across. These pictures will be sharp enough to help scientists conduct detailed geological studies without needing to set foot on the planet. It will, in particular, help to identify the likeliest

there was once water, such as lake shores and mineral remains of ancient hot springs. The mission is the first in the second wave of a decade-long invasion of the red planet

into the next decade. Some will land, and higger. hetter rovers are planned that will roam the surface for kilometres, collecting rock samples and even sending them

byNasa which will launch a

probe to Mars every 26 months

Doctors give measles vaccine all-clear

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

There is no evidence that measles vaccination increases the risk of bowel disease, and fears about the safety of the injections may have been over-played, scientists say.

Alarm about measles vaccination has grown in recent years because of concern that it may lead to ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease - both inflammatory diseases of the bow-el - in later life. A 1995 study, published in the Lancer. by doctors from the Royal Free Hospital in London, suggested there could be a link, which led to some parents refusing the vaccine for their children.

In a new study, published in tomorrow's Lancet. Dr Mark Feeney and colleagues at Poole Hospital, Dorset, studied 140 patients with inflammatory bowel diseases born since 1968 and found they were no more likely to have had measles vaccination than 280 healthy patients matched for age and sex.

A separate analysis of patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis again revealed no significant difference in measles vaccination rates.

"Our results show no evidence of a link between live attenuated measles vaccination in early childhood and the subsequent risk of developing either [disease]," the authors write.

Experts say the risks of the measles vaccine are outweighed by the risks of the disease it prevents, which can cause brain damage and death.



Full ahead: Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, aboard HMS Gannet, the last surviving Victorian naval sloop, in Chatham Dockyard to announce a £16m facelift for the yard. Some £10m will come from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Sir William Staveley, chairman of the dockyard's trust, said the cash would help turn it into a world-class heritage site Photograph: John Voos

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Carey attacks social ills of joblessness

The Archbishop of Canterbury delivered a hard-hitting speech on the social ills of unemployment yesterday. Speaking at a conference on joblessness in London, Dr George Carey said church leaders had "a right and duty" to speak out on such problems as the "spiritual exclusion" of unemployment.

He explicitly praised the Labour government's inquiry into Britain's underclass, but warned the new administration against slavishly following economic dogma.

Dr Carey also spoke of the "excesses of one-eyed mone-tarism in the 1980s" to an audience that included the Chancellor, Gordon Brown. It came just two days after he

became the first Archbishop of Canterbury to address the TUC conference in Brighton, where he said employers had a "moral responsibility" to recognise

"We all need to be needed," he said. "Dignified work is about participating in the common life, about making a use-

citizens, about being part of a of government policies," he community of work, even about said, adding: "First, no doubt fulfilling a part of our humanity. That is why, as Archbishop William Temple pointed out, the worst suffering of unemployment lies not in its material deprivation but in the spiritual deprivation of exclusion from contributing to the common

Yesterday Dr Carey officialy received an ecumenical report into unemployment commissioned by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ire-land and published during the general election campaign.

The churches have a right to speak out about it, both because our beliefs about the nature of humanity and because we are present in every part of this land. including those from which most other institutions have departed," he said.

Dr Carey was "delighted" with the Cabinet Office's new inquiry into social exclusion. "It is courageous and right deliberately to raise expectations in this way and make it a touchful contribution to our fellow stone for the long-term success er gave any credit for this".

there will be some who will greet this as 'once again the Church is getting embroiled in politics'.

If by that they mean taking our place in the affairs of life. caring for people and seeking to ensure that others have the rights and privileges they deserve as children of God, then we plead guilty. If they mean that we are dabbling in party politics, they are wrong because what this inquiry is about transcends us all and calls all people, regardless of political and religious affiliation, to tack-le the curse of unemployment."

Later, the Tory MP Ann Widdecombe accused the Archbishop of "proselytising for the socialists". Miss Widdecombe. who converted from the Anglican Church to Roman Catholicism, told PA News that Dr Carey seemed wholly unaware that the Tories unemployment record was the envy of the rest of Europe, and particularly in the field of youth unemployment, it is significant that he nev-

GP induced 'easy death' of patients

A country doctor has admitted inducing the "easy death" of two of his patients. Dr Nick Maurice, 54, whose family has treatments induced a quiet induced a qui ed people for generations in the market town of Marlborough, Wiltshire, said that doctors practise cuthanasia all the time and should be proud of it.

His comments drew support from the writer and broadcast-er Sir Ludovic Kennedy, the president of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society, who lives at nearby Avebury. He praised the doctor's actions as "admirable". Wiltshire police said they are aware of the doctor's ad-

missions - given in a newslet-ter to his patients - and were "looking at the circumstances". Dr Maurice, who works in the town's only GP practice - the

Marlborough Surgery with about 12,000 patients - denies any suggestion that he is simply "killing" his patients. He declares in his newsletter:

months I have induced a quiet and easy death for two of my pa-tients for which the relatives were grateful. That is not to say I have killed two patients. It is simply to say that I have given sufficient quantities of morphine to ensure that the physical and mental suffering of the

been kept to a minimum." The doctor does not name the patients. He defines eu-thanasia as allowing people to die "peacefully and quietly".

patient, and the relative also, has

He says: "I simply offer the best possible comfort and care using drugs available to me."
His surgery patients are invited to fill in Advance Direc-

tives - sometimes called "living wills" - stating how they wished to be treated in the event of a terminal illness.

It was interest in these Ad-

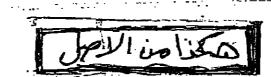
tor's article, according to prac-tice manager Michael Reynolds. He said: "Dr Maurice wrote

the article because of interest being shown by his patients in these Advance Directives. We decided it would be best to clarify what the practice does in such circumstances,"

Dr Maurice is against legalisation of the induction of a pa-tient's death. He maintains: "I have grave concern how an in-duced death would be handled. I can envisage a patient being surrounded by lawyers. doctors and even policemen and that is the last scenario a

dving person needs."
Sir Ludovic gives his support for the doctor in a letter to the Wiltshire Gazette and Herakl. He praises the doctor's actions as admirable for the compassion shown in bringing his patients'

suffering to an end".



Football loses out in psychology game

Why Gareth Southgate should never have taken that penalty

Nicholas Schoon

Gareth Southgate should never have been allowed to take the missed penalty that knocked England out of the European Championship last year.

A psychological profile of the player, unveiled at the British Association yesterday by Dr George Sik, a psychologist, describes a team player who will volunteer for anything but who is temperamentally unsuited to taking penalties.

Dr Sik said he was not allowed to name the player, who filled in a questionnaire as part of a research study. But he left no doubt that it could only have been Southgate.

Asked directly if he was referring to Southgate he said: There have been three or four players who have missed penalties in major tournaments recently. It was one of those. In fact it was probably the first one you would think of."

He confirmed that the play er had volunteered to take the penalty and that it was a lastminute decision.

Dr Sik, from management consultants Saville and Holdsworth, believes football teams could benefit from business techniques such as psychological profiling. He has built up profiles of 60 players concentrating on three clubs, Crystal Palace, Sheffield United and Celtic, and interviewed

several managers. Clubs are making increasing use of psychologists and psychiatrists. The Rangers and England player Paul Gascoigne sought counselling following reports that he had beaten his wife, and more recently his international colleague lan Wright pledged to have coun-

selling for his surplus aggression. But Dr Sik, who has written two books about football and the mind, said that clubs often enlist such help too late, when a club is in the relegation zone or close to a crucial cup tie. And they often face suspicion and resentment from coaches who feel undermined.





What a choker: Gareth Southgate's penalty miss in last year's Euro96 semi-final against Germany may have been avoided by using psychological profiles of players which can identify the right mental characteristics needed for such situations. His England colleagues Paul Gascoigne (top left) and Ian Wright, have both sought counselling for their problems

range of situations, "We found every player when they join the club. His 60 subjects had to answer a standard psychometric questionnaire of the kind used by firms for prospective

and rising employees. Players answered about 230 questions concerning how they -- He suggests players chosen to majork is unlikely to get good felt about themselves and oth- take penalties should never be results in a group comprised of ers, their attitudes, values and how they would deal with a

the players covered the whole spectrum of personalities. There was nothing to distinguish them from the other people we profile, apart from being slight-ly more competitive."

of a pessimistic cast of mind.

would volunteer to take the shot out of a sense of duty.

"Treating everyone in a team in exactly the same way, the old 'get your heads down and get stuck in' school of management associated with sergeant differing individuals all moti-

"Increasingly, the most successful coaches and managers emerge as those who appreciate individual differences and treat different team members in

slightly different ways, aware of when they can afford to be more aggressive, when to throw an arm around an under-confident player and so on."

managers such as Jock Stein, stone loathed flying, and Stein who led Celtic in the 1960s, and Alex Ferguson of Manchester United, were instinctive psychologists with a superb understanding of motivation.

Stein built up files on his play ers, their foibles and fears, by talking and drinking with friends and family members. His

assured him before an important match that he would not have to fly to the second leg overseas. "It worked - John-

stone got a flurry of goals." Dr Sik said that with clubs spending increasingly gargantuan sums to buy players, it was worth assessing the footballer's

ing done so, it made no sense not to do everything the club could to ensure the stars were as highly motivated as possible. He believes older players have different motivations to younger ones and are more supportive and team-spirited. They can make a contribution to the motivation of other play-

Dining with the dinosaurs proved a ripping tale

Nicholas Schoon

Tyrannosaurus rex was a "shake feeder" which ripped its prey apart by holding victims in its huge jaws and rapidly swinging its skull from side to side, or up and down, a scientist told the British Association's Annual Festival Of Science yesterday.

This shaking either ripped huge mouthfuls of flesh off the skeleton or was used to dismember the body, snapping bones and tearing off limbs, said Dr Pheagarten Lingham-Soliar of the Russian Academy of Scientists. It is a method of feeding used today by sharks, crocodiles and killer whales.

However, Dr Lingham-Soliar He has no solid proof; like so much dinosaur lore, hysteria mounts to intelligent specula-

Its starting points are that the huge, bipedal carnivore which became extinct 67 million years ago had tiny forelimbs and an enormous skull and teeth. These minuscule arms were too puny to grasp struggling prey while the skull was so big in order to provide attachment this summer's sequel).



Jaws: Tyrannousaurus rex ripped its prey apart

areas for massive neck muscles used in the vigorous shaking. Rows of teeth the size of carving knifes would rip through fiesh and sinew as the prey was swung violently around.

Dr Lingham Soliar, editor of a Moscow based palaeontology journal and a specialist in functional anatomy, said Steven Spielberg got much of his dinosaur details right in Jurassic Park (he has yet to see

In the film, T rex is seen shaking smaller dimosaurs to death - as well as a lawyer.

So why did the seven-ton dinosaur, which stood 15ft tall, have such tiny forelimbs? The scientist believes it was because T. rex's ancestors had less and less use for them, so evolution reduced their size.

Perhaps they were used to

the theory of some palaeontol-ogist that T. rex was mainly a scavenger feeding on the re-mains of animals killed by other predators. "An animal built like that is no scavenger," he said. He guesses it could run at

30mph. Tiny, floating soap bubbles filled with air and helium have helped uncover the secrets of the flight of birds, which are all believed to have descended from an early dinosaur. Biological aerodynamics expert Professor Jeremy Rayner explained how his group at Bristol University had been using these bubbles to study the allimportant air vortices left by fly-

ing birds.
The bubbles hang motionless in the air in the laboratory until a bird flaps through them. Their movement is then captured on film and used to analyse the precise shape and movement of the vortices.

Understanding the behaviour of these high energy air movements is essential to explaining help get it up on to its hind legs the lift and forward propulsion

Why giraffes' necks aren't longer

Charles Arthur Science Editor

Scientists have discovered that the main thing that stops giraffes from growing longer necks and so eating from even higher trees - is their hearts.

Giraffes, whose necks typically make up half their 5m (16ft) height, aiready have enormous hearts, which make up 23 per cent of their total body mass.

According to Professor Tim Pedley, of the University of Cambridge, the extra heart size is necessary to pump blood up the neck to the brain, and ensure that it still has some residnal pressure when it leaves the skull, so it will flow down the jugular vein back to the heart. Evolutionary theory would suggest that a giraffe which

compared to just 0.5 per cent was taller than its peers and had no side-effects from it would have an advantage, since it not happened suggests that long necks present a significant problem for the circulatory sys-tem. Professor Pedley and his co-workers have developed mathematical models to look at

what that means. "An important example is tries to escape," he said.

what happens when a giraffe wants to raise its head quickly after having its head down to should be able to reach food higher up. The fact that that has model is that it takes nearly 10 seconds for the usual upright steady state flow to be established." This implies that giraffes feel faint when startled. "We have only begun to think about the implications for the giraffe when it is startled and

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One in five Britons fails literacy test

More than one in five adults in Britain has literacy skills so poor they cannot adequately read a bus timetable, fill in a form or follow a recipe, ac-cording to an international

The Government-backed study, published yesterday, reveals that more British adults are struggling at the lowest literacy level than their counterparts in any other developed country surveyed - except

Older people, the unemployed and women are among the groups most likely to experience serious difficulties with

The bleak findings were seized on by David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, as vindication of the Government's literacy strategy, emphasising the three Rs in schools, and employment schemes for young people. However, basic skills experts stressed the need also to help older adults, who did particularly poorly in the tests.

The study, published by the Office for National Statistics, is based on a random sample of 3,800 British people aged between 16 and 65.

It found that 22 per cent - equivalent to around 8.4 million in the population as a whole lacked the ability to compare and contrast two written pieces of information or work out simple sums, such as the amount saved on a product discounted in a sale.

A further 30 per cent of those who took the tests performed only at literacy Level

Study finds many struggling with the most basic skills,

writes Lucy

Ward more than half the British population has literacy skills below Level Three - the standard

generally agreed as the miniturm necessary to cope with the demands of modern life. The study, to include over 20 countries by the end of 1998, defines literacy as "using printed and written information to function in society, to achieve

Those taking part carried out 45 tasks based on material from daily life such as recipes and tables of returns on investments.

one's knowledge and poten-

The assessments measured three types of literacy: prose literacy - the ability to understand newspapers and passages of fiction; document literacy - the ability to use timetables, graphs, charts and forms; and quantitative literacy - the ability to solve maths problems by picking out numbers found in

The findings show a distinct polarisation among the British population, with a relatively high proportion with either the lowest or highest skill levels. The trend was similar in year.

- the two other English-speak-ing countries in the study. On all three literacy scales, a

higher proportion of people aged 45 and over fell into the lowest literacy category than among younger age groups - fly-ing in the face of common claims of declining basic skills standards.

The survey also confirmed past findings that literacy skills are poorer among those with lower levels of education and among people who are out of work or in lower-skilled occupations.

However, it revealed that, even among those at the lowest literacy level, the majority questioned considered their skills to be adequate for daily life.

Alan Wells, director of the Basic Skills Unit, one of the one's goals and to develop. bodies sponsoring the survey, said it showed the problem was worse than had been thought. He called for a campaign to improve adult literacy, saying: "I think the Government's priorities are right, and it is important to get basic skills right first time, but you can't afford to neglect parents and grandparents who are going to have a major impact on the skills of

> Welcoming the survey, Mr Blunkett said: "Sound literacy and numeracy skills provide the bedrock for all subsequent learning.

their children."

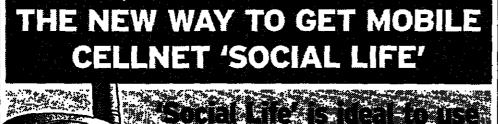
The Government has appointed an advisory group on adult learning, and we will publish a policy paper on lifelong learning before the end of the



Learning zone: Fay Bullivant recognised she had a problem, and enrolled on an adult literacy course

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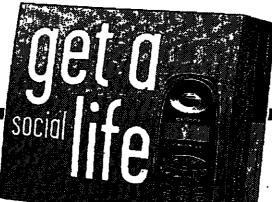




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We were afraid to say we didn't understand?

Until two years ago, Fay Bulli-vant carried a pocket dictionary End of London and now lives in everywhere she went, writes Lucy Ward. She was terrified that, without her lifeline, even writing a simple note or filling in a form might expose her struggles with spelling and punctuation, covering her in shame and embarrassment.

ier confidence since school.

Havering. "In my day, if you weren't up and running you were left on the beap. We were brought up afraid to speak up and say we didn't understand."

Fay began to conquer her fear, wary of trying any job requiring only when, at the age of 48, she literacy skills. "I went into the mustered the courage to enroke rag, trade because those were. Now beginning training as an on an adult literacy course and riobs where I could use my aromatherapist, she advises began slowly to fill in the gaps hands and not my brain. There with literacy difficulties in her learning that had sapped — were many people like me. I — to face up to the problem. "I've

who didn't have a very good ed- all the time, but really that was go, but I've got the determinaucation," said Fay, who attend- just an excuse."

End of London and now lives in Leaving school at 15 with no

qualifications. Pay became a machinist for a garment firm. used to say I couldn't have

her writing or spelling would be tested. In 1995, a leaflet through the door from Havering Basic Skills

would avoid situations where

Wherever possible, Fay

Service provided the impulse for change. Despite fears of embarrassment, Fay signed up, and, two years on, has passed GSCE English and a word-power qualification.

gained enormous confidence. I "I was one of the many adults stood being shut up in an office know I've still got a long way to tion to stick at it."

Education bodies get a health check

Judith Judd Education Editor

A dozen education authorities will be inspected from January next year as part of the Government's crusade to raise standards, the education standards

watchdog announced yesterday. David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education, believes that efficient local education authorities have a crucial part to play and the education Bill to be introduced this autumn will

give them more power. But Chris Woodhead, the chief inspector of schools, said that inspections might show that local authorities had no impact on school standards. A recent inspection of Barking and Da-genham had revealed that while the schools performed badly, the authority functioned well.

Yesterday's list includes six authorities from among those with the lowest-performing primary and secondary schools.

three from among those with the best and three which are in the middle. The Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted). which picked the councils, divided them into three groups, London, metropolitan and shire counties. Schools were judged on 11-year-old national test results and GCSE results.

In London, the worst are Southwark and Tower Hamlets. Kingston-upon-Thames is the best and Brent the median. Among metropolitan authorities, Manchester and Sandwell, West Midlands, are worst, Bury best and Sunderland the median. Among shire counties. Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire are worst, Surrey best and Kent the median

Unlike schools, authorities will not be graded. Mr Blunkett has said that he will take new powers to take over failing authorities, but at present no legal definition of a failing

spectors from the standards office will visit each authority and question schools at the services the council provides. Mr Woodhead said: "We think that it is important for all

aspects of the education service to be subject to rigorous external scrutiny. We are shining a spotlight very sharply on what an authority is doing to raise standards in schools. Mr Blunkett said: "The pro-

gramme of inspections and published reports will allow comparisons of performance to be made ... If an authority does not meet the required standard, I will not hesitate to intervene." Inspectors will also examine the role of elected councillors in raising standards. Ofsted has already carried

out pilot reviews of some au-thorities at their invitation. A report on the London Borough of Hackney, inspected at the request of the Secretary of State. authority exists. Teams of in- is due out next week

Heads' union submits pay claim to end crisis

Lucy Ward

Head teachers' leaders yesterday submitted a 10 per cent pay claim - treble the rate of inflation - and insisted that only a substantial rise would reverse a growing recruitment crisis.

The salaries of heads and deputies had fallen significantly behind those of managers in comparable posts in both the public and private sectors, said be National Association of Head Teachers.

The union, which last week published figures showing a dramatic drop in the number of application for headships and deputy headships, said the decline was directly linked to inadequate pay for high-stress

The pay claim is certain to be resisted by the Government. which is keen to keep salary levels down to prevent an infla-tionary spiral. The NAHT demand would

see heads of large secondary schools earning an average £54,000 - around £3,000 more than at present - and heads of large primaries around £39,000 - a rise of £4,500. Deputies would also win rises of around £3,000.

Low wages have led to a sit-uation where at least 400 schools in England and Wales have been unable to recruit a permanent head teacher, ac-

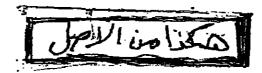
cording to NAHT figures, General secretary David Hart said: When the Chancellor of the Exchequer shortly publishes the Government's position on public sector pay, he must accept that recruitment problems have to be recognised in pay terms.

the most senior posts in the profession and undertake the significant responsibilities attached if they believe that the salaries offered constitute the 'rate for

"Any Grivernment which tries to 'buck the market' with a public sector pay policy, which seeks to artificially hold down salaries, risks provoking an

even greater recruitment crisis Statistics drawn up by NAHT found that more than six out of every 10 advertisements for senior posts in small and average primary schools this year led to

10 applications or fewer. The School Teachers' Review Body will consider the NAHT evidence before making its report to Education Secretary David Blunkett in February, in time for revised salaries to become effective on 1 April "Teachers will only apply for





Well prepared: A Scout wearing mask and gloves removes some of the freshly laid blooms from outside St James's Palace yesterday Photograph: David Rose hospitals around London. The rest

Gently does it, as flowers are moved

The painstaking and delicate task of clearing away the oceans of floral tributes left to Diana, Princess of Wales

got under way yesterday. Guides and Scouts were among the dozens of volunteers who started gently moving the flowers from the now dusty piles which line the walls of St James's Palace. It is expected to take up to six weeks to clear the tonnes of flowers, teddy bears and other tributes laid at sites all over the capital.

David Welch, chief executive of Royal Parks, the body overseeing the operation, said: "We are trying to do the job in the most sensitive way possible. We want to remove the flowers and tributes with the same spirit that they were laid. It really is a massive task and we have had to take on extra staff ... to help with the work. There will be about 100 people working on the clear-up process every day."

Wearing plastic gloves, volunteers were carefully separating the freshly-laid blooms from the floods of decaying bundles and loading them on to a horse-drawn dray to be delivered to

were put into plastic buckets to be used as compost in the Palace's gardens. Craig Huddleston, 13, of the 1st London Colney Scout Group, said: "It's a really sad job. I'd seen all the flowers on television but it's far more moving to be here in real life. Some of the messages people have written are lovely and it's amazing because they have come from people all over the

world," The labels, messages and eards were being taken to a site in Regent's Park and dried and stored until the Spencer family has decided how best to preserve them. Toys and other gifts will be distributed to a range of needy causes

around the country.
Val Dorren, of the Women's Royal
Voluntary Service, said: "There is a very melancholy atmosphere as we work. It is hard not to be moved as a iot of the messages are from children and they really bring a tear to the eye. The most touching tribute I've handled dled today was a picture with the words 'Our angel Princess Diana sit-ting on a cloud in heaven'."

The clearance operation is expected to begin at Buckingham Palace and Kensington Palace today.

Spencer has say on Diana memorial



Working together: Gordon Brown and Earl Spencer

Kim Sengupta

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Gordon Brown, who is chairing a committee planning a memorial for Diana, Princess of Wales, vesterday met her brother, Earl Spencer, to ascertain the family's views on the project.

The Chancellor is keen to en-sure that members of the family are fully consulted on every stage of the planning of the memorial, and that it should reflect the personal touch the Princess brought to her public

Both the Prime Minister and Mr Brown are believed to favour a permanent tribute which would help continue the Princess's humanitarian work. One of the ideas expected to

be considered is the setting up of a national or international foundation in ber name. This could be in addition to a physical tribute such as a statue.

Mr Brown has said the committee, the composition of which would be announced in the near future, should not be party political. He has also invited people to write to him in Downing Street or the Treasury, and asked for an e-mail address to be organised.

The amount of money available to honour the Princess's memory will be boosted by the Government's decision to give up its claim to VAT on the sales of copies of Elton John's new version of "Candle in the Wind". The tax, which could casily be more than £1m, would

be passed to the fund.
Sales of "Candle in the Wind" are expected to outstrip the 3.5 million copies of Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas" in 1984, and there are hopes the total revenue could be more than £10m. The Chancellor has also

publicise the fact that gifts of £250 or more made to the memorial fund will attract tax The Prime Minister was not

present at yesterday's meeting between Mr Brown and Lord Spencer. According to one report, Lord Spencer wants to press Mr Blair for a privacy law against media intrusion, which he condemned in his address at his sister's funeral at Westmin-

ster Abbey. He is said to have received 27,000 letters from people sup-porting his remarks about Diana being "hunted" by the media and how the Spencer family would ensure the two princes escaped that fate.

It has been claimed that efforts have been made in South Africa by members of the press to obtain divorce papers filed by Countess Spencer, the former Victoria Lockwood.

Although divorce court documents in South Africa can be viewed by the public, it is illegal to publish the contents. The Spencer documents have now been withdrawn from

Lord Spencer is also said to be considering taking the Guardian newspaper to the Press Complaints Commission after it reprinted photographs of the countess in a private ad-

Details of her condition, illustrated by long-lens photographs, were first reported in the News of the World two years ago. The article was found to be in breach of the commission's code of practice.

The Government has been cautious about taking steps on a privacy law in the current climate of emotion following Diana's death. It prefers a sys-tem of self-regulation by the

asked the Inland Revenue to Women jailed for Abbey thefts

Two women tourists who stole teddy bears and flowers that had been left outside Westminster Abbey in inbute to Diana, Princess of Wales, were jailed yesterday for

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Fox on the run evades the men from the ministry

Kathy Marks

A fox that has bitten five people in a Cornish fishing village is believed to be roaming the area, evading a Ministry of Agriculture team armed with dart guns and nets.

The Ministry sought to allay fears of a rabics scare in Mouse-hole, near Penzance, vesterday saying there was no evidence that the fox was rabid. However, it has advised victims to have a precautionary injection.

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Reports that an injured fox had been found in a gutter in Penzance raised hopes yesterday that the culprit had been tracked down. But the RSPCA and it was not the same animal

said it was not the same animal.

Five people, including a fisherman, have been bitten in Mousehole, a popular tourist spot, since last weekend.

Last Sunday, the fox cut a swathe through the quayside, possibly looking for offcuts of fish. After being shooed out of a gift shop by a man who received a vengeful nip on the ankle, it sank its teeth into a passer-by eating fish and chips near the harbour. It then repaired to a pub car park, where it ambushed a woman from

beneath her vehicle. Mousehole has a thriving fox population, but attacks on people are highly unusual. The RSPCA said that the fox was probably hungry rather than cabid.

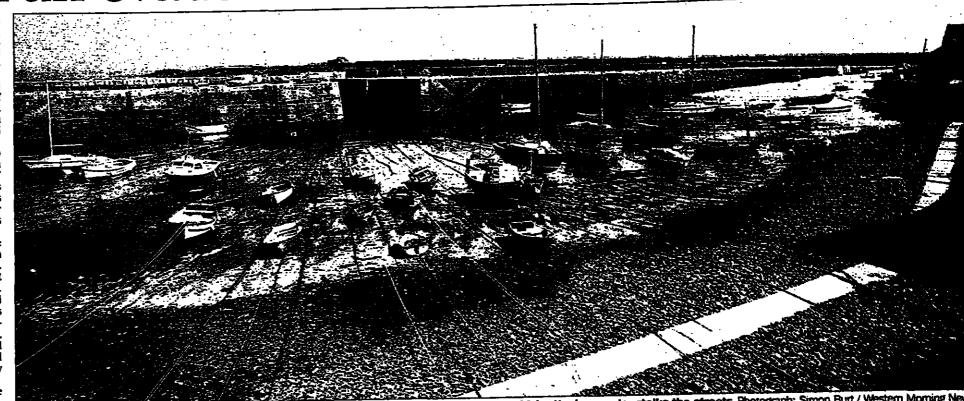
gry rather than rabid.
"It sounds like a tame animal that has lost its natural fear of humans," said a spokeswoman.
"Or it may be that it has been fed regularly for a while, and then abandoned."

A team of seven people – two Ministry vets, two public health officers, two council "trappers" and an animal biologist – has been prowling popular haunts of foxes in Mousehole after dusk. But their quarry appears to have gone to ground.

The fox discovered on the seafront in Penzance had been hit by a car and was concussed. Having made a full recovery, it has been ruled out of inquiries.

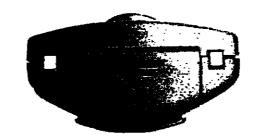
"It is an ordinary RTA (road traffic accident) fox," said Les Sutton, the RSPCA's chief inspector for Cornwall. "Besides, to travel to Penzance it would have had to negotiate an awful lot of traffic and find its way around the streets."

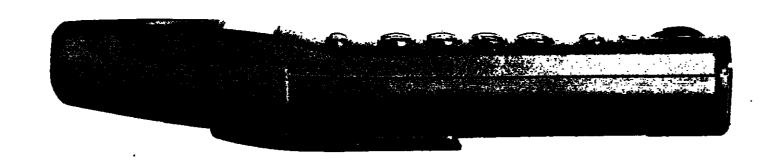
Devon and Cornwall police said they would send a marksman to shoot the fox if found.



Hunted harbour: the Cornish fishing village of Mousehole where terror, in the form of a fox which attacks people, stalks the streets Photograph: Simon Burt / Western Moming News









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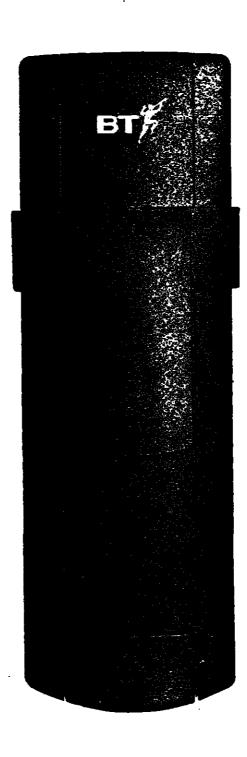
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Ashdown takes 'Yes' message to Wales

Tony Heath

Co-operation, not confrontation was the politics of the future. Paddy Ashdown declared yesterday, throwing his weight behind the Welsh "Yes" campaign.

Surpunded by a platoon of

Surrounded by a platoon of party workers, the Liberal Democrat leader, arrived in Wales by "battle bus" yesterday to spread the message that devolution is a good thing. He chose a Brecon factory specialising in the manufacture of conveyors

as a launch pad.

The choice of the mid Wales town was significant; it is the heart of the Brecon and Radnorshire constituency which winnessed scenes of jubilation on 2 May when the Liberal Democrat Richard Livsey defeated the incumbent Tory Jonathan Evans leaving Wales a Tory-free zone.

The Liberal Democrats now allied with Labour and Plaid Cymru are engaged in a struggle that looks like being much closer than the general election contest in which Mr Livsey triumphed by 5.097 votes.

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But Mr Ashdown was not fazed. "Ealking to people in Pontypridd on my way here I found real enthusiasm for a 'Yes' vote next Thursday." he said.

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Co-operation between the three parties in favour of devolution demonstrated that old-style confrontations went out of the window when a common adjective was in the sights.

Touring the Nerak-Wiese

factory on Brecon's Ffrwdgrech Industrial Estate, he donned a face mask to try his hand at paint spraying and walked past a machine permanently labelled "Do All Job Selector" – an omen perhaps for aspiring Weish assembly men and women. If all goes well on 18 September, 60 newly minted WAPs (Welsh Assembly Persons) will be taking their seats in a couple of year's

time.

The "Yes" campaign was joined by a Spanish exponent of devolution's virtues. Juan Colon, an MEP from Catalonia was canvassing in the valleys as the guest of Wayne David, MEP for South Wales Central. Last night, he was due to share the platform with John Prescott at a rally in Llantrisant.

Catalonia was one of the up-and-coming regions of Europe, an enthusiastic Mr David explained. "Ten years ago there were calls for Catalonia to secede from Spain. There is very little call for that now – devolution has reinforced the integrity of the Spanish state."

The "Yes" camp criticised the ICM poll published in the Guardian earlier this week, it predicted a very close result. Between 4 and 8 September, 502 voters were interviewed about half the number normally considered large enough

to reflect opinion accurately.

Darren Hill, national organiser of the "Yes" campaign, said: "It seems somewhat bizarre to hold a poll during the time when mourning over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales was at its height. We are not surprised that people's minds were not on politics during that time."

ing that time."

The future of at least one
Welsh university could be jeopardised by a "Yes" vote in next
week's referendum, a leading
academic claimed yesterday.

Derec Llwyd Morgan, vice-Chancellor and Principal of University of Wales Aberyst-



Paddy Ashdown: Found real enthusiasm for 'Yes' vote

wyth, said he was concerned by the lack of clarity in the White Paper on plans to transfer power from Westminster to an elected Welsh Assembly.

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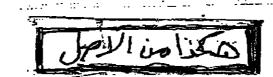
Although broadly in favour of devolution, he was concerned at the possible impact on universities like Aberystwyth, Lam-

peter and Bangor.
In an article in the Times
Higher Education Supplement,
he questioned whether a
Cardiff-based assembly would
sustain funding for its universities in rural areas for the sake

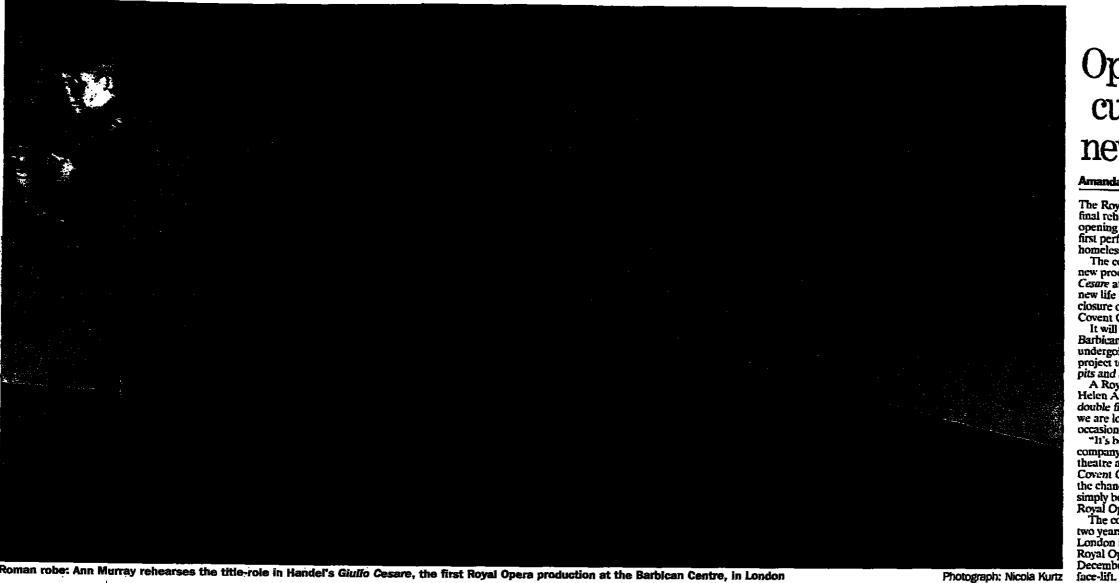
of their local economies.

Many questions about the provision of funding for Higher Education after a "Yes" vothad been left unanswered. Corrent government proposals were likely to encourage students to study closer to home, which could have a devastating effect on many Welsh colleges.





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Royal Opera raise curtain on new empire

Amanda Kelly

The Royal Opera were taking part in final rehearsals yesterday before the opening of the new season and their first performance since becoming homeless in July.

The company will be performing a new production of Handel's Giulio Cesare at the Barbican as part of its new life on the road following the closure of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, for renovation.

It will also be the first time the Barbican has opened its doors since undergoing a £1.9m modernisation project to give it two new orchestra pits and a sprung floor.

A Royal Opera spokeswoman, Helen Anderson, said: "This will be a double first for everyone involved and we are looking forward to the occasion greatly.

"It's been very good for the company to work in a more intimate theatre after 50 years in the vast Covent Garden building. It gives us the chance to try things which would simply be too small to put on at the Royal Opera House."

The company will spend the next two years performing in different London theatres and on tour until the Royal Opera House re-opens in December 1999 following its £200m

Orchestra struggles to fill Solti's shoes

Clare Gamer

The death of Sir Georg Solti has thrown the orchestral world into disarray. Not only has the legendary 84-year-old Hungarian conductor's passing resulted in some short-term logistical nightmares, but it has, in the longer term, left a vacuum which may not be filled for gen-

Whilst Sir Colin Davis has agreed to step in at the eleventh hour to conduct Verdi's Requiem at the Proms tonight, the London Philharmonic Orchestra (LPO) has not yet found a when Sir Georg was due to conduct Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at its opening night at the Royal Festival Hall on 24 memory has no conductor September.

The latter has been turned at the chance to conduct on such into a tribute in honour of Sir Georg with a pre-concert discussion on his life and work in the auditorium hosted by his LPO and was the orchestra's wife, Valerie Pitts. Although celebrated conductors would jump 1979 and 1983 - they are around for the next three



an historic occasion - Sir Georg first conducted in England when making records with the principal conductor between committed to conducting other concerts.

"We've got not a lot of time and we still haven't been able to name a conductor," said a spokeswoman for the LPO. The world-wide search goes on. Obviously one wants one of the high-profile conductors and

they are all terribly, terribly busy and booked up years ahead." Looking ahead, the ques-tion is: "Who will replace the grand maestro?" In many ways, Sir Georg, who was nicknamed "the Screaming Skulf" on account of his volatility in rehearsals, is irreplaceable. As Bill Polygram classics, which owns Decca, Sir Georg's record label, put it: "His stature is so unique. He was the last of a particular cal your mind might be, unless breed. Along with Bernstein and Karajan, Solti was the last of the

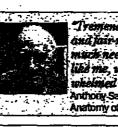
Mr Holland compared the problem of replacing Sir Georg with that of replacing the three tenors. "If you took a look

tenors, you'd really have quite a job," he said.

In his view, talent to the tune of Sir Georg will not emerge until the generation after next. He tipped the German conductor Christian Thielemann, 37, and the Russian Valery Gergiev, 44, two relative youngsters, as the most likely figures to one day fill Sir Georg's shoes. These two, he said, possess that elusive charismatic "star appeal", and could, in time, turn into "living

legends".
"If you're trying to act as a conduit between the music and who reads the page and inter-prets it," Mr Holland said. "No you can really communicate the intentions of the composer to the listener there's something missing. All the really great conductors could make the music come alive in a very distinctive way - and Solti was one of them."

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Publisher of 'vile and evil' race hate magazine is sent to jail The publisher of a vile and gal profession he had "never en-

sponsible for a terrifying campaign against Frank Bruno's mother, was jailed for 21 months yesterday.

Mark Atkinson, 31, a leading

member of the far-right Combat 18 group, was caught "red-hand-ed" with hundreds of copies of Stormer just before they were dispatched to subscribers across Britain. Another issue of the 12page production, which preaches violence and death towards Jews, blacks, left-wingers, and anyone else who dares disagree with its views, was found on a computer disk.

Judge George Bathurst-Norman told Southwark Crown Lynette Bruno, the 67-year-old Court that in 37 years in the le-

countered such vile outpourings of hatred and incitement to violence as revealed in these magazines. From reading them Combat 18's purpose is clearly aimed at stirring up racial hatred and violence not only against racial, ethnic and religious minorities and their supporters

within our society but also tar-geting and naming specific in-dividuals within those sections. He told Atkinson: "I have to say to you and any others like you that those who seek to spread such evil discord in our midst can expect no mercy from the courts.

One of his victims had been mother of the former world

heavyweight boxing champion.
"In disclosing ber name and address and sturing up racial hatred against her, Mrs Bruno ... is driven from her home," the judge said. Neither did he have any doubt that by listing their names and addresses in Stormer, a number of Jewish organisa-

tions and synagogues were tar-geted with hate mail. The judge then condemned the way Combat 18 and their £1.50 a time magazine had turned their attentions to the Liberal Democrat leader, Pad-dy Ashdown. "When a politician speaks out against racism in his local community you target him

in one issue and then you cel-ebrate the fire-bombing of his

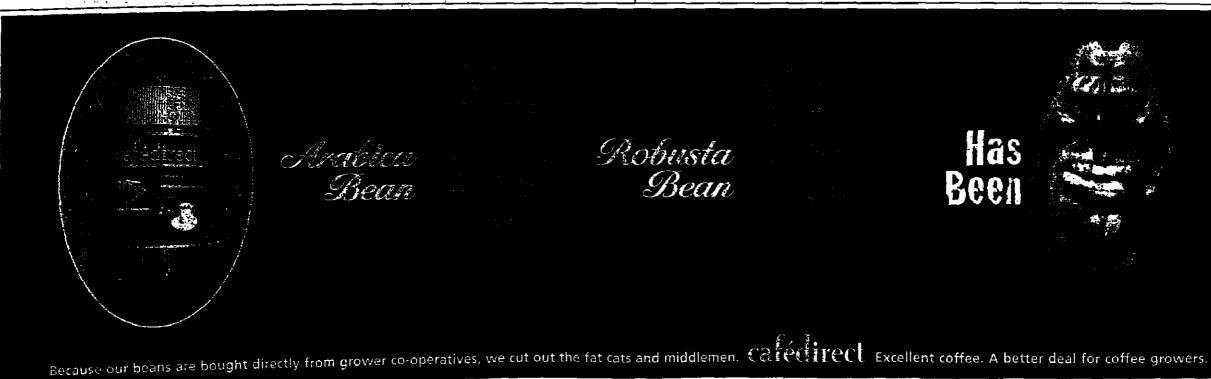
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ty for publishing material of this type at just two years.
"It may be that Parliament should look again at the activities of people such as you and others like you who are minded to indulge in such activities and reconsider whether the

murder with the words 'he doesn't deserve to live'."

The judge said Parliament had fixed the maximum penal-

present maximum sentence is sufficient. In my view it is not? On Wednesday, Robin Gray, 35, a former National Front byelection candidate who lived with Atkinson, was convicted of possessing Slormer with a view to distributing it. Sentence was adjourned for reports.



Confusion reigns as Clark turns TV eye on Tory party

Anthony Bevins
Political Editor

Today's Conservative Party is suffering from "considerable confusion", Alan Clark, the Tory

MP and historian, said vesterday.

The first episode of BBC2's four-part Alan Clark's History of the Torn Party will be shown on on Sunday. It tells the story of the pre-war years, from the creation of the modern party in 1922 through to the start of the Second World War in 1939.

Mr Clark's analysis is typically pungent. He argues that Bald-win turned the abdication crisis into a golden opportunity to dispose of a troublesome king; he criticises a Foreign Office mandarin for spurning a Nazi offer to sue for peace on the eve of war, and he compares the task of leading the Tories to "dri-

ving pigs to market".

Clark said yesterday: "There is no doubt that the Tory party at the present time is in a state of considerable confusion."

He was unable to give William Hague a historical rating as Conservative leader, because it was too early, but he then added: "I didn't vote for him, as you well know." Asked whether it was not the leader's job to resolve confusion, Mr Clark said: "You may think that, but I could not possibly

In the programme, delivered with all the languid charm that Mr Clark brought to his best-selling Diaries, he says that the 1936 abdication was a heavensent opportunity to get rid of Edward VIII that was grabbed by the Conservatives and the British Establishment.

"For Baldwin, as for the rest of the British Establishment," After a preview of the first he says, "Mrs Simpson was an episode. Gentlemen Players, Mr opportunity disguised as a cri-



Gentleman player: Alan Clark at yesterday's preview. Asked about the party leader's role, he replied: 'You may think that, but I could not possibly comment' Photograph: David Rose

sis. For the last 10 years they had abdication was the last great Esbeen racking their brains concerning what should be done about the Prince of Wales. "He was selfish, erratic, im-

to left-wing enthusiasms. The

tablishment coup dressed up as high-mindedness. If Baldwin had really wanted, he could have kept Edward on the throne. patient of protocol and prone

Mr Clark said yesterday: tary principle perpetrated in the pre-war Tories had much in The Tory party connived at this 1936 was being repeated with common: both being "brutal

concept that the monarchy is disposable - because they regarded Edward VIII as a bloody nuisance." But he suggested that the breach of the heredi-

the curious endorsement of the current monarch, with her accentance of Labour plans for reform of the House of Lords. Mr Clark says that Hitler and

critical of Sir Frank Roberts, a Foreign Office official who did not even pass on to ministers a Nazi approach to avert war. Mr Clark said yesterday that cause of a totally unpredictable at that juncture, in 1939, it was

and anti-Semitic". He was also madness to declare war on Germany. "To put an army into Europe against the Wehrnwicht was just suicide; it was mad." The war had only been won be-





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Barrie Clement Labour Editor

Railtrack was accused of callousness after a horrified train driver was forced to take his express past a mutilated body.

The driver has since suffered trauma and vesterday his trade union said it would take its protest to John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister, with special responsibility for transport. Lew Adams, general secre-

tary of the train drivers' union Aslef, told the delegates at the TUC Congress in Brighton that he would be renewing his demand for a thorough review of procedures during such incidents. He said his members had experienced two similar cases recently where they had been told to pass over bodies.

The most recent and most horrific incident happened on 13 August when the Euston-to-London express was ordered to proceed through Harrow and Wealdstone station after an earlier train had struck someone who jumped off the platform.

Mr Adams said: "Approaching the end of the platform, our driver saw that most of the person's body was still on the track and the platform, not even covered up. There was one limb on the platform. "It is frankly just too revolt-

ing to go into all the details of what was seen by the passengers and crew on the train. It is no way to treat to treat the travelling public, train drivers or other railway employees."

Mr Adams said that the express had been halted for some

ample time for the body to be covered up. "Initially our driver was told to pass over the incident with extreme caution. but then a Railtrack official instructed him to hurry up and get past the scene as quickly as possible.

"They allowed no dignity whatsoever to the poor soul who had been killed. They showed no regard for the trauma they were causing to everyone who saw these appalling sights. The whole incident was an absolute disgrace.

The union contends that the drive for profits in the privatised rail industry has led to greater pressure on drivers to pass over bodies. Where there are delays financial penalties have to be paid either by Railtrack or the train operating company, de-pending on which was respon-sible for the delay. Mr Adams said the union

would be demanding changes to the industry's rule book which would stop railway workers and customers from seeing such "offensive gruesome scenes". He said trains should be halted until the incident had been properly dealt with.

Current procedures were "in-human and obscene", he said, and it was dangerous to subject people to such experiences.

Replying to Mr Adams' criticisms, a Railtrack spokesman said: "We are reviewing how to handle these situations. We have to strike a balance between respect for the deceased and the fact that trains loaded with press had been halted for some lime at a signal outside the are not unfeeling."

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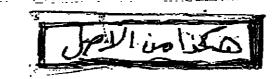
By Rainer Maria Rilke (translated by Stephen Cohn)

Who knows this stranger who has turned his face away from life to live another life which nothing interrupts except the swift and forceful turning of each printed page?

Even a mother might not recognise her son, lost in the world that lies below him, steeped in his own shadow. What can we know who live our lives so governed by mere hours -

of other lives he may have lived and lost before he looks up, heavy now and burdened with all the matter which his book contains? As children rise from play and look annual his eyes now turn to all that lies outside towards the world again made manifest; but yet his face, for all its discipline, will never while he lives change back again.

"The Reader" completes our selection from Stephen Cohn's translation of Rainer Maria Rilke's New Poems, which first appeared in German in 1907-08. Neue Gedichte! New Poems is published by Carcanet (£9.95) in a bilingual edition, with an introduction by John Bayley.



China prepares for 'the third emancipation of the mind' – which could mean mass redundancies

Deft words to speak the unspeakable

Bloom time: A worker in Peking unloading decorations for the party congress which

Some deft semantic manoeuvring will be on show as the Communist Party tiptoes around the reality that public ownership will no longer be the dominant force in the economy.

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Today President Jiang Zemin will resurrect the idea that China is still in "the primary stage of socialism". This formulation was first put forward at the 13th party congress in 1987 by the reformist party secretary, Zhao

Translated into plain-speak, the phrase means that China is free to employ whatever capi-talist tools it desires in order to progress down the modernising road to a socialist future. It may be a long journey; China has ad-mitted this "primary stage" can last 100 years.

This congress's second linbanner of Deng Xiaoping's the-



primary stage of socialism'

ory of building socialism with Chinese characteristics". This is Sino speak for China sticking to the reform and opening policies Mr Deng launched in 1978. The guistic contribution pledges the expression socialism with Chicountry to "hold high the great nese characteristics" was coined

enshrine the policy that market forces have an central role in Chinese socialism – and to justify the fact that some people were getting richer much faster than others.

This being the first congress since Mr Deng's death in February, Mr Jiang's plan for stateowned enterprises is being touted as the big ideological contribution to the post-Deng era. It was described as "the third emancipation of the mind" by Li Junru, the deputy director of the party's "theory bureau", Mr Deng's 1978 "seek truth from facts" and his 1992 "socialism with Chinese characteristics" qualifying as the first two "emancipations".

One phrase which will not be on anyone's lips in 1997 is "iron rice bowl", the former cradleto-grave guarantee of social welfare. That one has gone right out of fashion.

Peking ready for world's ultimate privatisation

China is set to close the book on socialist economic dogma today by abandoning state ownership of industry as the sacred doctrine of government policy. President Jiang Zemin will this morning open the 15th Communist Party Congress with a speech paving the way for what could turn into the world's biggest and most ambitious privatisation programme. There is just one proviso - no one is al-

lowed to call it that. Mr Jiang will give the green light for most state-owned factories to turn themselves into shareholding or limited liability companies, or find other ways to survive in the market economy. The implications are real; last year almost half China's state-owned enterprises were in the red, but in the brave new world of Chinese corporatisation, loss-making factories will no longer automatically be bailed out by the state, a decision which puts millions of jobs

Before the first years of the next century, China now plans to sell off, merge, lease out, or close down more than 300,000 state-owned enterprises. Many of these will be turned into shareholding companies, with shares owned by employees, the

Reports from Teresa Poole in Peking

state units. Often the state will retain a majority holding. Suc-cessful companies will then try to list their shares on China's popular stock exchanges. Around 3,000 of the large and medium-sized state-owned enterprises – those in strategic, defence, and transport sectors will remain in state hands. Socialist political sensitivi-

ties are still very tender on the question of state ownership, and hence the denial of the dread-ed "p" word. The official Chi-

na Daily yesterday insisted no one should be "simple-minded" enough to equate the modern corporate system and the shareholding system with privatisation. It is all a matter of reinterpretation; China's new definition of "public owner-ship" would probably cover many companies on the London Stock Exchange.

In some parts of the country, this reform process has been under way for several years and

Unemployment may destroy reforms

prises have already been hived off. Party congresses, which take place only once every five years, are often a forum for ideological catch-up. The break-through today will be to bring the orthodox political jargon into line with reality. Stick-inthe-mud old-fashioned cadres who still hanker after the securities of a centrally planned economy will be ordered to

remains very scared about what

state enterprise reform might mean for millions of surplus workers. But, after years of pilot schemes and half-hearted efforts, it now accepts the urgent need to tackle the drain on the economy. The World Bank recently warned that failure to address enterprise reform could "corrode the very foundations and credibility of China's entire

economic regime".

Nearly two decades of economic reform has seen the rise of the private and collective sector in China. This has left stateowned industry's share of gross domestic product at only 30 per cent, but the dire financial situation of many enterprises means that the state sector is soaking up a disproportionate 75 per cent of domestic credit. The money has been disappearing into a seemingly botiomiess hole.

Mr Jiang's speech will lay down the broad principles for future state enterprise reform, but the detail will take much longer to unfold. The financial challenges are immense. The so-called "triangular debts" between state enterprises have reached £80bn, and further bad debts are on the books of China's banks. For the officials in charge, it will be like trying to

get on with reform.

Unemployment is the biggest political risk facing the Chinese government as it attempts to sort out

loss-making state factories.

There are 110 million state employees in China, of whom 46 million are urban industry workers. Over-manning is such that probably one-third of these factory workers are not needed, and will no longer be wanted by managers who know their factories must sink or swim. Add to this a bu-reaucracy bloated by millions of surplus cadres, reaucracy oxered by majors or surpus cacres, and China's job crunch is clear. None of these figures include the officially estimated 175 million unemployed rural workers, many of whom migrate to the cities and grab any menial jobs going.

Optimists nevertheless argue that now is the best time for China to reform the state sector. In-

flation is low and economic growth is high, so the hope is that a buoyant economy will mop up these workers. Cities such as Shanghal have set up job

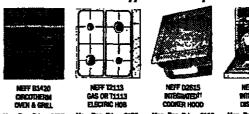
retraining centres, in one case encouraging laid-off middle-aged female staff to work as private clearing ladies for the growing middle class. The Chinese entrepreneurial tradition encourages the more capable individuals to "da hai" (leap into the sea of business) as street traders or running

who need to find proper jobs, and that many big loss-makers are in remote areas where alternative work is not available. The government is very worried, because disgruntled workers are increasingly letting their feelings be known. The past two years have seen a growing number of strikes and into the page last two years have seen a growing number of strikes and into the page last house lost their strikes and riots by people who have lost their lobs or have not received salaries. In Sichuar province earlier this year, 20,000 unpaid textile workers staged a demonstration in Nanchong, one of the largest displays of anger so far.

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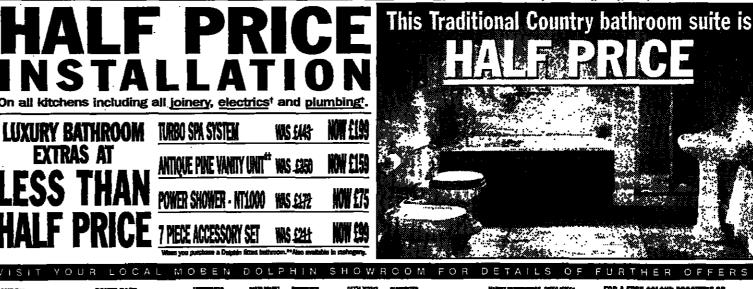
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Federal government balks at providing matching funds amid charges of corruption at municipal level

Tim Conwell Los Angeles

How did Los Angeles, the city which enshrines the convertible. where no one ever walks, come to believe it needed an underground?

It is a question being much asked this year, as the city pon-ders the unthinkable: calling it quits on a vast municipal undertaking that has already swal-lowed several billion dollars in public money. Yes, Los Angeles already has a subway. Spanking new, it runs from Union Station, hardly a hive of activity, 5.3 miles west with eight stops along Wilshire Boulevard, to a place best described in LA terms as nowhere in particular.

The cost, so far: about half a billion dollars a mile, for a system that services a meagre 35,000 riders a day. On any city map, it is a small slug in the centre of a vast urban sprawl. Seventeen years ago, in a municipal ballot with a tiny turnout, Los Angeles County voters approved a special tax increase to pay for an ambitious commuter rail network with the subway at its heart, urged on by a coalition of businesses, unions, and civic boosters of all types. But several years into con-

struction, the project seems in danger of becoming a sick joke.

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Tunneling into LA's unstable soil has opened sink-holes under Hollywood Boulevard and drained canyon streams in the Hollywood Hills. The federal government is balking at pro-viding matching funds, amid charges that a vast and corrupt municipal pork-barrel is at work.

Two construction workers died this year, as work continues on the next stage, tunneling north to Hollywood and Universal Studios. In a telling metaphor, the city's Mass Transit Authority is now taking de-livery of 74 pricey Italian-made subway cars, most of which will sit idle until more new stations are completed early next century. The MTA was without a chief executive for six months this year after its former boss

resigned under fire.
"In the real world, a red light would go on somewhere, but this is not the real world, this is politics," said Peter Gordon, a professor of urban planning at the University of Southern California. "It has to stop somewhere. It has to crash under its own weight."

Los Angeles was once famously described as 100 suburbs in search of a city. The subway is read as yet another attempt to give Los Angeles a beating heart, to satisfy Tinsel town's cosmopolitan cravings to be a real city with an underground

like London or New York. The political tide, however, is running in a devolutionary direction. There are rumblings of Valley, LA's north-western suburb, which would like to secede, and demands for the break-up of the vast bureaucracy of the LA schools system. Few public subway to be abandoned, but its of these things ...

most ardent supporters have been licking their wounds of late. Local commentators have aired the idea of simply linishing up existing construction, and then taking stock. Mayor Richard Riordan, for one, now puts his faith in buses. They are the backbone of the transportation system, and they're going to be for many decades to come," he said recently.

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A major complaint against the subway is that it has swallowed available funds for LA's under-serviced bus system When the freeways cracked in the 1994 earthquake, it was blandly predicted that commuting Angelenos would finally see the virtue of commuter rail. On the contrary, the roads were repaired with astonishing speed, and life rapidly returned to normal.

To the south in San Diego, researchers are testing how to automate freeways with remotecontrolled cars, rather than reolace them.

To descend into the subway on a 90-degree September afternoon, from a city that has not seen rain in 200 days, is to enter another world.

At Union Station, there are polished granite benches, and pastel floor tiles. A scattering of passengers seem to move without any particular hurry.

At Pershing Square, there are six sets of grand grey double staircases, virtually untrodden. There are airy vaulted ceilings. with new-age acon lights, and strangest of all, not a poster in revolt from the San Fernando sight, in the trains or the stations. Cool and dark and quiet, it is far removed from Los Angeles. For one thing, cell phones don't work. The journey takes about 15 minutes. Now. officials are openly calling for the if you could get your car on one

New right takes a grip on Norway

Imre Karacs

There is a distinct Eighties feeling about Oslo, down to an imitation Docklands near the centre, thronged by cardboard cut-out yuppies on mountain bikes. The buildings are brand new and tall, matching the prices in the chic boutiques inside.

It is boomtime in Norway, and Norwegians are trying hard to live up to, and show off, their wealth. But as old-fashioned egalitari-anism is gradually engulfed by a "loadsamoney" ethos, a meanspirited attitude is also creeping into the national pysche.

In next Monday's general elections, an unprecedented proportion of Norwegians are expected to cast their votes for a party trumpeting a brand of nationalism not unlike that of Jean-Marie Le Pen. The misnamed Progress Party, which astonished everybody four years ago by winning 6.3 per cent, was the choice of one out of four voters in some recent polls. The latest poll rating is 17 per cent, still enough to make it the second-biggest party after Labour in the next parliament, and a possible building block in a right-wing coalition. Not bad for a party once derided as a one-man show, the fan club of

the remarkable Carl I Hagen. Mr Hagen is a 54-year old libertarian, a gifted speaker who for 20 years has been no more than a fringe source of amusement on the fringes of politics. Law and order, he once sug-gested, could be secured by packing criminals off to the bar-

ren Arctic island of Svalbard.
His favourite whipping boys
these days are people who do not speak proper Norwegian. These include the Sami (Lapp) minority, who, Mr Hagen argued during the campaign, should not be taught their own language at the state's expense.

Although there are very few foreigners indeed in Norway, Mr

Hagen is deeply worried about them. "We advocate a fairly restrictive immigration policy. says Morten Hoeglund, a senior Progress Party adviser. "In that sense we are similar to Le Pen." Gmans :

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The xenophobia is served up. however, with a distinctly Norwegian flavour. While Mr Hagen preaches Thatcherite economics. including tax cuts all around, he manages to come through as the defender, not the enemy, of

Norway's welfare state. "We do not have to behave as if we were the poorest country in Europe when it comes to necessary services for our citizens," be told journalists this week. "There are a lot of ordinary people in Norway, particularly old people, who are fed up with hearing again and again that we are one of the richest countries, but the Finance Minister says we have to save money for future pensioners."

The poorest they are eertainly not. Norway is awash with oil money, and the country has been running a budget surplus for three years. The economy is in danger of overheating. Unemployment is under 4 per cent; property prices are exploding.

The Labour Prime Minister.

Thorbjoern Jagland, says the surplus must be saved for a rainy day, so that pensioners of the future can be paid when there is no more oil and gas left. The Progress Party, and many Norwegians, want a bit more jam today. "We are the new caretakers of the working class," proclaims Mr Hoeglund, "Labour have deserted the welfare state."

Labour are expected to win about 37 per cent of the vote on Monday, the same as four years ago. Depending on how the smaller left-wing parties do. that may not be enough to form a government. However silly it might have seemed only a few months ago, the prospect of Mr Hagen coming to power is no longer inconceivable.



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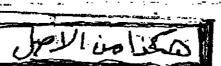
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Palestinians need a break, says Albright

Patrick Cockburn Ramaliah

The US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called on Israci yesterday to take a "timeout" from settlement activity and other unilateral actions that have angered Palestini-

"Israel should refrain from unilateral acts including what Palestinians perceive as the provocative expansion of set-tlements, land confiscation, home demolitions, and confiscation of IDs," shetold Israeli high school students.

We believe that a time-out from these kind of unilateral actions will create a climate in which an accelerated approach can succeed in achieving a final Israeli-Palestinian peace agree-ment," Mrs Albright said in comments certain to anger Is-

rael's right-wing government. Earlier, Palestinians listened with disappointment to the total priority given by Mrs Albright to Israeli security in her three-hour talks with Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader.

"We have got agreement that terrorists are terrible, but not yet on the best way to get the peace process back on track." Mrs Albright said at a joint press conference with Mr Arafat. Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator, said: "The gap between us and the Israeli government is as wide as ever."

The duet from Mrs Albright and Benjamin Netanyahu, the Israeli prime minister, about dealing with "terrorism" - and regarding the expansion of is- menting the Interim Agreement raeli settlements and demolition of Palestinian houses on the West Bank as peripheral - was interrupted by Leah Rabin, the widow of Yitzhak Rabin, the Is- closure of Palestinian towns raeli prime minister assassinated in 1995.

"I have doubts about how much terrorism can be uprooted." she told Israeli radio before seeing Mrs Albright. "We were The Likud party has reacted also terrorists once and they didn't uproot us and we went on dealing in terrorist activities.



context, Likud is threatening to run a candidate against him in the next presidential election.

Just why the Palestinian

leader would find it difficult to

start mass arrests of Hamas was

best explained by the presi-dential troops guarding the gate. "Albright only talks about

Israeli security, but each one of

us has a brother in an Israeli

jail," said Imad, pointing to a scar on his head made by an M-

16 round in the fighting in Ra-

Jamil, another member of the

residential guard, saidhe found

mallah last September.

ser Arafat: stalemate over the peace process

Mrs Rabin was referring primarily to the campaign of the Irgun, led by Menachim Begin, which waged guerrilla war against British forces in Palestine in the 1940s. Mr Begin later became prime minister of Israel and leader of the Likud party which is now headed by Mr Netanyahu. Asked if the latter wanted peace Mrs Rabin said: "Allow me to express doubt. He does everything

One concession to Palestinian grievances came over the issue of £66 million tax revenues collected by Israel for the Palestinian Authority and withheld since the suicide bombing in Jerusalem on 30 July. Mrs Albright said it was "beyond her understanding how withholding money was a security issue". Mr Netanyahu said he was waiting to see action by Mr Arafat before handing over the money.

Most of the Palestinian demands concern Israel implesigned in 1995 under which it pledged to end the occupation of most of the West Bank. They also want an end to the present and villages isolated by Israeli checkpoints. Israel wants a round-up of activists in Hamas, the Islamic militant organisa-

angrily to reports that President Ezer Weizman told Mrs Albright "to knock heads togeth-British army in the land we went implement the Interim Agreement. Although officials say



Mrs Albright's visit humiliating Talking terrorism: Benjamin Netanyahu and Madeleine Albright, wearing a gold peace dove broach given to her by Yitzhak Rabin's widow Leah, after their meeting yesterday in which the US Secretary of State said Israeli security was paramount

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Germany set to release last Communist leader

A German court ruled yesterday that Egon Krenz, the last hardline communist leader in East Germany, could be released from jail pending an appeal against a conviction

for manslaughter. Krenz was found guilty last month in connection with the deaths of refugees killed during Communist rule as they tried to flee over the Berlin Wall. He was jailed. although the verdict was not yet legally binding, because authorities feared he would flee. But his lawyers argued during yesterday's hearing that Krenz, 60, had never failed to appear during his 18-month trial, proving that there was no reason to suppose he would attempt to leave the country or go into hiding at this stage. Reuters - Berlin

Kenyan reforms agreed

Opposition and ruling party legislators in Kenya agreed on a series of crucial legal and constitutional reforms that could ease tensions ahead of elections this year.

Some opposition legislators, however, condemned their negotiations as a public relations exercise by the ruling Kenya African National Union (Kanu), and an attempt by President Daniel arap Moi to weaken a pro-democracy movement. The 36 opposition and 38 Kanu legislators agreed to amend or repeal, within a month, 12 colonialera laws that reformists say give Moi, 74, a competitive edge in seeking his fifth five-year term.

AP - Nalrobi

US takes anti-mine stance

The United States said it was committed to multi-national talks to set up a global treaty to ban anti-personnel landmines, even though it may not sign the formal unti-mine treaty in Ottawa in December. The US is among 120 countries participating in a 19-day conference in Oslo to hammer out a draft treaty to ban the use, production. sale and stocks of landmines.

Afghanistan truce appeal

The United Nations renewed an appeal for a truce in Afghanistan as rivals fought for control of the northern opposition capital of Mazar-i-Sharif for a third day. Jets opposition capital of lithing runs, and opposition from both sides made bombing runs, and opposition forces fired at least five rockets at Kabul – without causing Reuters – Kabul

Race to arm South Africa

At least four more countries have entered a race to sell At least four more countries have emerch a race to sell naval vessels and aircraft to South Africa, according to Ronnic Kasrils, the country's Deputy Defence Minister. He told reporters and diplomats that Canada, Brazil, Sweden and Italy had joined Britain, Germany, France and Spain in bidding for contracts. Reuters - Cape Town

UN soldiers' Angola disgrace

Ten Dutch United Nations peace-keepers accused of sexual misconduct, drug smuggling and drunkenness in Angola have been stripped of their medals, the Defence Ministry autounced. The decision was prompted by last week's revelation that four Dutch soldiers had been involved, since 1991, in sexual relationships with local women, some possibly underage, while serving as part of a AP - The Hague UN peace-keeping mission.



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Jospin says au revoir to Emu depression

John Lichfield

What a difference three months makes. The French economy, which appeared to be sinking into crisis in early summer, with no chance of meeting the Maastricht guidelines, is enjoying a near-miraculous recovery.

Officially, the French gov ernment says that it should have no difficulty in approaching the Emu-dictated budget deficit ceiling of 3 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) this year. Unofficially, it is estimated that the deficit - reported to be out of control in June - may even sink by the year's end to 2.9 or 2.8 per cent.

The shift in the French economic outlook leaves only one, large, outstanding Emu quarrel between Bonn and Paris which could disturb the final decisions on the single currency due ear-ly next year. The Socialist-led government of Lionel Jospin is still officially committed to Italian. Spanish and Portuguese membership as a pre-condition for French membership. Germany remains extremely doubtful on this, and about ad-

mitting Italy in particular. But senior French government sources say that they can now imagine some form of compromise: perhaps an agreement stratospheric levels. Domestic



Optimistic: Lionel Jospin, the French Prime Minister

that countries which fail to meet Maastricht targets this year could still join by the 1999 starting date, or just afterwards, so long as they continue to bring their public finances under control.

Mr Jospin's government is reaping the benefit of the sudden change of economic weather in France and is even beginning to claim some of the credit. A package of emer-gency spending cuts and tax rises imposed in July did help to close the deficit gap. But Mr Jospin has also had two strokes

of unexpectedly good luck. The rise in sterling, the dollar and some southern European currencies has boosted French exports and tourism receipts to

growth, which has been stuttering at around 1.5 per cent for seven years, is expected to rise to 2.4 per cent this year and to more than 3 per cent in 1998.

mism to cautious ontimism. Whether this is the cause, or the effect, of the increase in growth is impossible to say. Philippe Manière, in the magazine Le Point, describes it as a "mystery of the collective [French] psyche". Abruptly, people are beginning to spend more money in restaurants and shops; there is also an upturn in investment by industry.

All is not plain sailing. Every-

one recognises that it will take months before the increased growth begins to eat into the high level of unemployment (124 per cent). The US dollar and sterling have started to slide against the franc again, which might slow the French recovery.

But, for the time being, the four apparently monumental conditions for French membership of Economic and Monetary Union, which the Socialists set during the election, have shrunk to manageable proportions. The likely exchange rate between the dollar and the euro should no longer pose a problem for Paris;

demand has finally started to pick there is no need for further cuts up. As a result, economic in public spending, Germany has in public spending; Germany has agreed to a summit on unem-ployment and a form of words on political management of the euro zone; and some compromise may be possible on Italy.

There has also been a marked shift in the public mood, from exmusement, and with some bitterness, is President Jacques Chirac. He was persuaded to call an early election partly because he was told that economic conditions, and the budget deficit, were going to get worse, before they took a turn for the better. If he had waited until next spring, his centre-right coalition might have held on to its maj-ority in the national assembly. Paris (Reuters) — Green peace yesterday started legal action against Cogema, the French state nuclear reprocessing com-pany, accusing it of dumping nuclear waste into the Channel during operations to clean up a clogged discharge pipe. The environmental group said it had lodged a complaint saying that Cogema's La Hague plant had harmed marine life; and it alleged that some 50kg of waste had spewed into the sea during work on the 5km pipe. Cogema insisted that other Greenpeace measurements taken earlier this year were invalid because samples

were taken too close to the pipe.



Pulling strings: President Jacques Chirac (left) and an aide attach the ribbon of the Commander of the Legion d'Honneur on the French violinist Stéphane Grappelli during a ceremony at the Elysée Palace yesterday Photograph: Reuters



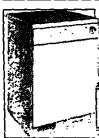


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US warplanes to jam Bosnian Serb broadcasts

Washington announced yesterday that it was sending three electronic warfare aircraft to Bosnía which can jam Serb radio and television broadcasts. The planes can also broadcast their own programmes, to counter the message of hardline

prevent supporters of Radovan Karadzic from sabotaging the

Dayton peace accords. A Pentagon spokesman said that the aircraft were being deployed "in response to the persistent pattern of vehement rhetoric and incitement to violence being broadcast by Serb radio and television".

The Americans are unhappy that supporters of Mr Karadzic wanted at The Hague as a war criminal, have failed to keep an agreement to soften their attacks on the Bosnian Serb president, Biliana Playsic, Ms Playsic's own track record is less than rosy, but she now backs the Dayton peace agreement, and is therefore backed by Nato.

Control of the media has been a crucial issue since the beginning of the Balkan wars six years ago. Inflammatory television propaganda at that time stoked the aggression and fears of communities who had until then lived peaceably together. The supporters of Mr

even after the Dayton accords were signed two years ago. Ear-lier this week, they called for a boycott of elections to be held this weekend, though they later withdrew that call. On Mon-day, British and US troops in Bosnia prevented supporters

of Mr Karadzic from gathering

in the town of Banja Luka, to the fury of the pro-Karadzic Serbs.

who called for their supporters proach is intended above all to to go to Banja Luka "to liberate their leaders' Momeilo Krajisnik, one of Mr Karadzic's senior aides, had to surrender his bodyguards to

Nato protection and himself flee Banja Luka under a hail of stones from Karadzic opponents. The EC-130 planes, each

manned by a crew of 11, are leaving their base in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in the next two days. in order for the Special Forces planes to fly out from Brindisi over Bosnia during the elections at the weekend. They come under the category of "psycho-logical operations," or "Psyops." The municipal elections are seen as crucial in the process of

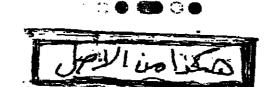
trying to rebuild Bosnia. They will be supervised by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe. At least one international monitor will be stationed at each of the 2,200 polling stations during the vote, and will spend Saturday night there. The elections will not be certified as free and fair until the new local govern-Karadzic have remained defiant, ments are installed.

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The hidden dangers of China's capitalist road

the Chinese leader Deng Xiao-ping famously declared: "To get rich is glorious." Since then, millions of Chinese have taken him at his word. Rolls-Royces, luxurious villas, mobile phones. From the mega-rich to the merely affluent, China is full of signs that capitalism is not - to put it mildly - officially perceived as the incarnation of all evil that it used to be.

The entrepreneur is king in China today. Many years ago, Deng (an occasional master of the soundbite) declared in defence of quasi-capitalist ractices: "It does not matter if the cat is black or white, as long as it catches mice." That is truer than ever in Peking today: as long as the economy is booming, don't ask any tricky questions about the how and why. Bizarrely, however, Chinese officialdom insists that the cat (black or white) should be

classified as a dog.
What seems on the face of it to be a partly capitalist economy is claimed not to be capitalist at all. It is merely a socialist economy "with Chinese characteristics". This is one of a series of unusual classifications that Communists have indulged in over the years. "War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength." George Orwell imagined it. The Chinese Communist Party continues to make it real. In the Soviet Union in the Brezhnev era, all problems were due to the fact that Com-

of "developed socialism" was all that the country had achieved so far. As our Peking correspondent notes on page 11, similar semantic games have repeatedly been played in China. If anything remains imperfect in China today, this is merely because China is still in the throes of "the primary stage of social-ism" (which may last for another 100 years or so), rather than the utopian Communism that will come along in due course. If there seems to be a slight contradiction between the go-getting excitement about money-making, on the one hand, and the declared belief in Communism, on the other, this can quickly be resolved by reference to "socialism with Chinese characteristics".

But all the semantic curiosities fail to mask the very real difficulties that the Chinese regime still faces. Indeed, the use of such Orwellian phrases emphasises the contradictions and tensions that remain - between a partly liberal economy, on the one hand, and distinctly unliberal politics, on the other.

In many respects, China today is a freely entreprenential society. The Chinese are allowed, even encouraged, to go out and enrich themselves. Where the Soviet Union remained wary to the very last of successful business people, China has embraced both foreign and Chinese tycoons as potential saviours.

But the Communist Party remains a munism had not yet arrived. A version power in the land, alongside the entre-

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preneurs. Often, indeed, it controls them. It sometimes seems that this is a workable partnership. The experience of the years since the massacre in Tiananmen Square in 1989 shows that there need be no contradiction between political repression on the one hand, and economic boom on the other. China's economy has performed far better than many much more liberal regimes elsewhere in the world. Growth has affected not just the very rich, but has also raised the average standard of living for those at the bottom of the heap.

Given such success, and the apparent

strength of the party itself, there seems to be no obvious reason why one-party rule should ever come to an end. After all, as we are seeing again this week, the Communist Party is perfectly able to reinvent itself, and its dogmas. The economy has already moved from Marxism-Leninism to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism, and to Marxism-Leninism-Maoism-Dengism. It could become one of the great political congas of all time, with yet more names being added to the wriggling line every few years, and each name in the pantheon merely interpreting the same fundamental truths for their generation.

Communist Party leaders have made it clear that they see no reason why the political fundamentals of the system should change. They still want to be able to lock up anybody who says the wrong thing - whatever that happens to be on any given day. Quite apart from the strength of the economy. there are other reasons why this may seem unlikely to change. China has long lived with a lack of democracy. Even now, there is little obvious pressure for radical change. People in the cities and countryside alike are more interested in talking about how to make money than talking about politics - even behind closed doors. If the economy continues to grow, China may be eager to demonstrate its national political and military muscle on the regional stage, which would also help to ensure unity at home.

The pressures of Tiananmen Square

are, however, not forgotten. Even officials say that if the subject were stirred up, it would still be explosive. More immediately relevant is that it seems impossible that all economic change including the wide-ranging privatisation of industry that is being proposed at this week's Communist Party Con-gress – can take place without pain. Charmingly, the official line insists that this is not really privatisation at all (that would be "simple-minded"). But privatisation by any other name is just as painful. Job losses tend to be accom-

panied by dissatisfaction with the political masters who have imposed the pain. Such dissatisfaction is difficult for the authorities to ride out, if they do not have the political legitimacy that comes with electoral consent. Sporadic strikes in China could easily grow. All of which means that Communist power is not necessarily eternal. Unthinkable though it now seems, the conga may eventually end. And then. many things will be called by their real

Welcome to the tolerant society

minister of the Crown comes out as La lesbian, and scarcely a head turns. But "Nation Mildly Intrigued" is good news. Last week the pukka commentary on Diana's funeral referred in passing to Elton John's partner as he arrived at the Abbey. As Angela Eagle rightly observed, attitudes have changed - certainly since the hostility stirred by Maureen Colquboun, the first "out" lesbian MP, in the Seventies. For us, the story is as much the reality of acceptance as the coming-out itself - interesting though it naturally is when we learn something we didn't know about a public figure. Another small step towards a modern, tolerant society.

rplanes Bosnian

Worries south of the border

Sir: The current focus on the have towards our "Englishness".

From the times of the initial Anglo-Saxon settlements, through the Danelaw and onwards, the people of northern England have often had more in common with the Scots than with their southern compatriots. More important than historical variations of dialect, place-names and so on, are the profound differences in the type of

As in Scotland, throughout the 1980s people here overwhelmingly rejected the selfish, individualist ethos of Thatcherism. The political colour map clearly showed the very different concerns of these two, separate Britains. Trades unionism and friendly societies are hardly the natural bedfellows of "Essex man". Many of us will be hoping our turn will come.

STAFFORD HIGGINBOTTOM School of Biological Sciences Manchester University

Sir: To assert, as David Walker does ("Why the Scots need the English", September) that "everything to do with being Scottish is about not being English" is a gross

Scots do not nowadays "keep singing about buts and bens and

Many Scots have sought careers in England, but not by any means all of those mentioned by Mr Walker have done so, and it is questionable whether those that did would have said that they had "had to make it in London". David Hume did indeed visit London on several occasions but said that "the little Company, there, that is worth conversing with, are cold and unsociable or are warm'd only by Faction and Cabal", and that "that nation are relapsing fast into the deepest Stupidity, Christianity and Ignorance". But in Paris, "a man that distinguishes himself in

attempt, unsuccessfully, to make a living at the English Bar. However, his encounters with Dr Johnson occurred during visits to London while he was practising at the

Harry Lauder's songs contained a good deal of tartan sentimentality, but neither of him nor of Lewis Grassic Gibbon, nor of many other modern Scots writers could it reasonably be said that "blaming and bemoaning the English is an old and much-loved

ROBERT LC HUNTER Inventric, Grampian

Union rights for the clergy

Sir: Your attack on MSF in your leading article of 10 September is

quite unfounded. We are clearly on record as supporting both Tony Blair and John Monks on union modernisation, and indeed MSF successfully proposed just such a modernisation package to the TUC

as Scots vote

Scottish and Welsh devolution debates highlights the ambivalent feelings many of us in the North

society we wish to live in.

exaggeration.

glens", at least not as often as Mr Walker seems to think.

Letters, meets immediately with Regard and Attention".

Robert Louis Stevenson did not like late Calvinist Edinburgh, but spent more time in France, America and Samoa than in

London. James Boswell did eventually Scottish Bar.

Call of sea transport

clergy. ROGER LYONS

General Secretary

London ECI

Sir: The recent discussion about traffic has been concerned, for the most part, with the need to reduce congestion and pollution caused by road users. Improvements in internal combustion engines can reduce pollution and will also reduce energy consumption. Nevertheless they will depend for the foresceable future on fossil

on Monday. Our agenda for the

government and the TUC by being

positive about individual rights and

You have confused the issue of

the rights of an individual to professional representation in the

invented, of MSF bargaining rights

We do not claim to speak for

individual rights which are at the

heart of this debate. And on this

MSF, the TUC, the Government,

reasonable employers are united.

announcement of a review of their

rapidly changing and highly

claim, which your editorial

non-members of MSF. It is

the Archbishop and most

I therefore unreservedly welcome Lambeth Palace's

recognition arrangements for

stressful world of work with a

future dovetails with the new

responsibilities.

for all clergy.

Transport by water is more efficient than all alternatives except pipeline in terms of energy consumed per tonne-kilometre:

compared with pipeline, water transport consumes about 2.5 times as much energy, rail 4 times, road

17 times and air 94 times. In the 18th century nearly all freight was carried by water. Coastal shipping connected all major cities and estuaries; rivers and canals connected ports, inland towns, natural resources such as coal, china clay and ores, and newly developing industrial areas.

Nineteenth century railways and 20th century road transport have eliminated nearly all of this traffic. Most surviving canals have had no development for over 150 years and are now used mainly for leisure. The cost of improving and maintaining them for commercial traffic would be very high. Nevertheless the most useful waterway survives; it is our sea, which is within 90km or so of all parts of the UK and connects with

the rest of the world. A policy for integrated transport should include a study of development of coastal freight traffic into estuaries and provision of land links with estuarial ports; these links are likely to be by railway. In the meantime, new structures that might inhibit such developments, such as low bridges across waterways and over-development of port areas, should be prevented.

DONALD McDOWELL Chairman Permanent International Association of Navigation Congresses British National Committee London SW7

Dire predicament of celebrities | Forest Enterprise on the excellent work they have done to date. The cycleways help to preserve the

Sir: Anne Treneman writes, in her piece (11 September) about the heat-seeking novelist Martin Amis complaining about the heat, Thère are no easy answers in a celebrity-crazed world in which fame and publicity are inextricably intertwined".

I agree, but would add that it is more pertinently fame and success which are intertwined and as long as the media are content to passively create coverage based on the relentless lobbying of expensive publicists, rather than digging for themselves for the real work being made, this lamentable "celebrity-crazed" state of affairs will continu

Does this complaint entitle me to mention that my records can be bought direct online at www. knopfler.com? DAVID KNOPFLER Liss, Hampshire

Cycling through the forest

Sir: As a cyclist and a conservationist I welcome cyclists to the beautiful Forest of Dean. Not all Forest residents share the short-sighted and parochial view expressed in your article "Cyclists ride into a storm over journey to forest" (8 September).

Whereas I support the campaign for direct cycle routes between communities, I also congratulate

historic railway and tramroad routes over which they are laid. They also encourage people to visit and explore the Forest and bring their children to a place where they can develop a cycling habit in

comparative safety.

I hope that in time better links can be developed to the National Cycle Trail, which goes through Chepstow, thereby encouraging people to cycle to and from the Forest. I also hope that the rail companies will change their policies and allow more than two oikes per train.

Not only does the Forest economy need tourism, environmentalists throughout the Country are campaigning for more people to use bikes. Surely this is not the time to be discouraging cycling. G SINDREY

Coleford, Gloucestershire Sir: Randeep Ramesh reports on

cyclists travelling to the Forest of Dean by car. He states that an alternative is to travel by train to Chepstow. Today I have tried to book places for four bikes on the train from Chepstow to Birmingham, South Wales and West Rail inform me that only two places for bikes can be reserved on each train. So the problem is not that "many cyclists see rail travel as old fashioned", but the absence of a service.

FRED ABBATT Cowling, West Yorkshire

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Europe must lead in Middle East

Sir: Patrick Cockburn ("Come, let us reason together", 10 September) provides a compelling reason for the European Union to dissociate itself from the US Middle East policy and to forge its own distinct

Oslo was built on "constructive ambiguity", predicated on mutual goodwill and the political danger of stating the end goal. Goodwill was lacking since Labour initiated the most intensive phase of settlement of the West Bank and East Jerusalem since 1967, clearly intended to foreclose the chance of Palestinian sovereignty over an integral territory, thus rendering the process meaningless for Palestinians. Hamas used violence to destroy a bankrupt process, and the US supports Israel for domestic

The EU must now decide whether to support a process that cannot lead to peace or stability, and which will profoundly damage its own Mediterranean interests, or whether to articulate a fresh approach, the outcome it seeks. and the principles of international law that must necessarily underpin that road and outcome.

Both protagonists require a coherent and viable sovereign state and both require mutual security arrangements, internationally guaranteed. That means a separation of the two communities, not as at present under circumstances of Israel's apartheid system, but territorially separate.
DAVID McDOWALL Richmond, Surrey

When the people take power

Sir: People power is certainly not mob rule. It is what you get when a sufficient number of people feel that institutions which they thought were there to represent them and articulate their wishes are not responding, and maybe not even

Republic without

misapprehension that republics need presidents, Donald Foreman

and Gordon Medcalf (letters, 10

September) quote the chancellorial

horrors of pre-war Germany and the presidential misfortunes of the

abolishing the British monarchy.

But why would a people in their right senses wish to follow flawed models rather than learning from their own experience? The first time Britain was a republic (from 1640) at 1652) at a did without a

1649 to 1653) we did without a

the way for the subsequent

restoration of monarchy.

head of state until Oliver Cromwell

became "king in all but name" from 1653 until his death in 1658, paving

Over 300 years later, the UK's

recently elected government has begun a huge, long-overdue project of constitutional reform. As people

preparing at last to assume the full

mantle of citizenship, we should

surely be dehating, not assuming,

whether there is any place for any

kind of head of state in our future

William's choice

September) says that Prince William is "the only publicly acceptable candidate" to be our

next monarch. Is there any evidence

at all that the young prince would want to do his father the injury of

supplanting him in such a way?
ALICE RIST

Sir: Jeffery Green (letter, 8

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Sir: Based on the common

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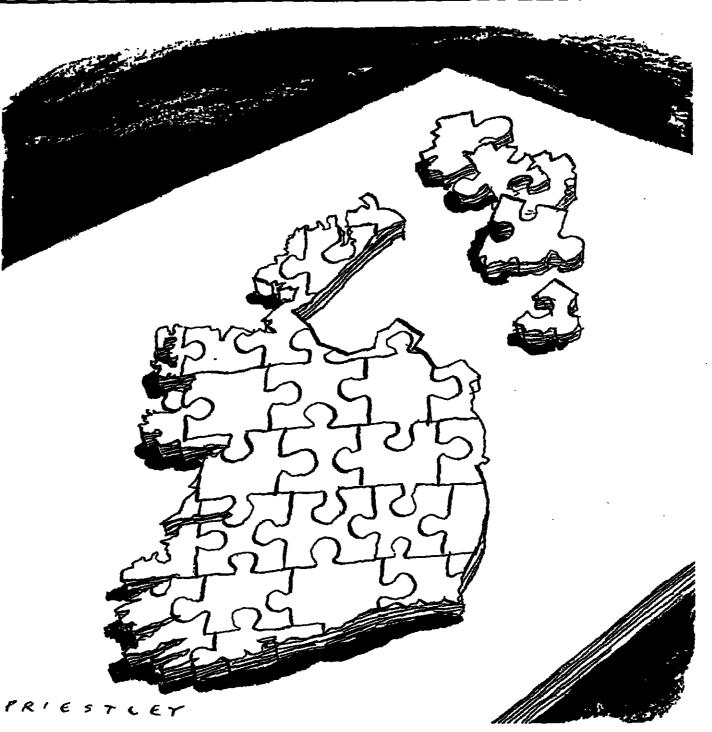
listening. Like Peter Everall (letter, 10 September), I also thought we lived in a parliamentary democracy, but public interest in the role and reform of the monarchy did not spring suddenly on to the public stage for the first time at the beginning of last week; and with the honourable exception of a few MPs, Parliament's interest in the subject has been just about nil in recent years. LEONARD BOYES Polegate, East Sussex

Sir: The difference between mob rule and people power is one million or more bunches of flowers.
MARGARET MACKI London W8

Victorian flag Sir: I read in the Dictionary of

National Biography that when King William IV died the servants of his widow, Queen Adelaide, naturally flew the Royal Standard at half mast at Windsor, where she was living. The new Queen, Victoria. paid an immediate dutiful visit to her mourning aunt. The servants, correctly according to protocol. prepared to raise the flag masshigh, since the reigning monarch was present in her own palace. The Queen, out of respect, forbade this and insisted on the flag remaining at half mast throughout her visit. JOHN LIVINGSTONE Biarritz, France





The historic multi-party talks in Northern Ireland are set to take place next Monday. David McKittrick looks at what the divided communities of Ulster hope to achieve in these negotiations, and what they still fear

w in Northern Ireland, after seeing the energy devoted by Tony Blair to making progress on the peace process, doubt that Labour is determined to press ahead with what could be the most important talks for decades.

The talks are to open in Belfast on Monday amid uncertainty and controversy over whether Sinn Fein should be admitted and whether the Ulster Unionists will attend. There will inevitably be much turbulence in the weeks ahead, but almost everyone expects that they will eventually get down to husiness.

It could all run into the sand, as have so many initiatives over the course of The Troubles, but it could also be the beginning of a whole new era.

If the negotiations develop momentum, much will depend on the personalities and skills of the politicians and diplomats

But much will also depend on the state of opinion in the two communities, which are separated by such a vast gulf in the way they look at the world. One example of this, seen just this week, was the opinion poll finding that while two-thirds of Catholics think the IRA ceasefire will hold, only one Protestant in 10 agrees with them. And to quote just one other example of the stark difference in attitudes: 87 per cent of Catholics disapprove of plastic bullets, while 86 per cent of

Protestants approve of them. Clearly, compromise is vital if the talks are to succeed or even make substantial progress. An examination of the current state of opinion within the two communities may shed light on how far their political representatives may feel able to go in the negotiations ahead.

Irish nationalists

Torthern nationalists are divided into two distinct parts: the constitutionalists who oppose violence and the republicans who have used it or approved of it. Both sets regard the talks as a promising opportunity to advance their objectives.

Practically all constitutional nationalists vote for John Hume's SDLP, which regularly collects well over half the votes cast by Catholics. It thus speaks for the Catholic middle class and much of the working

The people it represents basically want peace, a more equal Northern Ireland, a recognition of their Irishness and the opportunity to advance lowards a united Ireland - or rather, in Mr Hume's often-repeated phrase, an agreed Ireland.

To generalise: they regard themselves as a community gradually emerging from a history of anti-Catholic discrimination, not yet living in a completely fair society. On one level they regard themselves as having become empowered socially, politically, economically and numerically.

Catholics and nationalists have moved up the social and economic ladder as avenues of employment which were once closed gradually opened to them. Making advances which would have seemed inconceivable a few decades ago, they now for example occupy many key posts in the public sector.

Politically, in John Hume and Gerry Adams they have internationally known leaders. Numerically, they have increased from one-third to at least 43 per cent. Their fortunes have thus been transformed since their pre-1969 days of dolefully impotent isolation.

Yet there are still burrs under the addle. Some businesses and some districts remain closed to them. Some institutions, notably the Royal Ulster Constabulary, continue for whatever reasons to have a predominantly Protestant complexion. SDLP supporters thus look to

talks as an opportunity to consolidate their advances and if possible build upon them. In anything that emerges from talks they will be looking for more moves towards equality and more guarantees of their civil rights; they will also want to ensure that no new obstacles are erected towards Irish unity in the longer term.

A Catholic lawyer summarised: This place is over 40 per cent Catholic, which means it's over 40 per cent nationalist, which means it's over 40 per cent Irish. I want to see the British acknowledging that, and it would be nice if we could get Unionists acknowledging it too.

The general sense among constitutional nationalists is that they have potentially much to gain from talks, and little enough to fear. Confidence in John Hume is high, while the continuing involvement of Dublin and Washington acts as additional assurance that their interests will be looked after.

As for the people of the south, they have a similar though not quite identical instinct to that of northern nationalists. People there want to see a fair deal in the north, though most of all they want stability and a final end to the violence. Irish unity

remains the longer-term aspiration.
The hardest-line nationalists are of course Sinn Fein and the IRA. With the Sinn Fein vote having increased by leaps and bounds, most recently to 17 per cent, it is plain that Gerry Adams is selling something which more and more nationalist voters wish to buy.

The vital test of his leadership will come, some time in the next few

years, when it is seen whether he brings his supporters towards settling, in the meantime at least, for something less than their cherished goal of a united Ireland. Sinn Fein leaders talk often of a united Ireland but they also from time to time use

phrases such as "interim settlement". Sinn Fein's constituency consists in large part of the urban dispossessed

working class. While more Catholics are in work. often in good jobs, ghetto unem-ployment remains high. Parts of west and north Belfast, for example, have high levels of joblessness, paramilitary involvement and resulting security force attentions, together with general deprivation and alienation.

The product has been tightly knit hyper-politicised local communities which find political expression in Sinn Fein and, often, in the IRA. Extremism is common enough here, but so too are high levels of pragmatic realism.

As the troubles dragged on, it became evident to a majority there that IRA guns and bombs were not going to bring about British with-drawal and a united Ireland. There is a sober recognition that talks will not accomplish what terrorism could not, and it is difficult to find anyone who believes a united Ireland lies at the end of these talks.

What is important to them, however, is that something tangible should emerge from the talks on two fronts: first, in terms of the inclusion of republicans in any new political and economic arrangements, and second, an assurance that the road to eventual Irish unity will not be

Ulster Unionists

hile it is possible to package Irish nationalists reasonably tidily into the two pigeonboles of Sinn Fein and the SDLP, the picture on the Protestal and the SDLP, the picture on the Protestal and some fine and so tant side is much more fractured and confused. The spread of opinion was vividly illustrated in last year's forum elections in which David Trimble's Ulster Unionists took 46 per cent of the Unionist vote. Fortythree per cent went to the Rcv Ian Paisley and his close associate Robert McCartney. while 10 per cent went to the two loyalist parties which have paramilitary links.

Mr Paisley and Mr McCartney are anti-

talks; the loyalists are pro-talks; the Ulster Unionists are taking months to make up their minds. Outside the strictly political sphere, senior business and church ele-ments very much favour negotiation. But grassroots Protestants, according to the opinion polls and anecdotal evidence, seem markedly in favour of dialogue, with more than half of Ulster Unionist supporters actually urging face-to-face talks between their leaders and Sinn Fein. A much large majority baulks at face-to-face meetings but still wants participation in talks.

This is new. Unionists have traditionally

been suspicious of dialogue and negotiation, even with constitutional nationalists. Finding now that they want their leaders to go eye-ball-to-eyeball with Gerry Adams is a complete departure. Many, probably most, Unionist politicians tend, however, to take a different view. They look at the talks lineup. note that Unionists will be up against the SDLP. Sinn Fein and the Dublin government. and conclude that the talks are unlikely to produce a result that would strengthen the union with Britain and the Protestant cause.

But the prevailing sentiments in the Protestant community seem to be that the rotestant community seem to be that the ceasefires are there to be built on, that if the parties don't talk, London and Dublin will get together and assemble a package anyway, and that the best way to represent Unionist interests is to be at the table. The is a quite startling change of perspective for a community which has lost much political power over recent decades and watched its open comfortable majority in the country. once-comfortable majority in the country slipping away. Its people have lacked a clear goal to aim for and the chances of forging stronger links with Britain seem remote.

The peace process began as a nationalist, who live in the poorest parts of Belfast, Londonderry and elsewhere and who have largely missed out on the betterment enjoyed by the Catholic middle class and upper within Unionism. The potential Paisley influence in all this should not, however, be underestimated. Although more and more voices are to be heard saying it is time to talk and make a new start, there are still many arguing that the ancient enemies - the IRA, Rome and British duplicity - remain as much of a menace as ever.

The debate is still going on. "I just don't believe there could be a pro-union outcome from these negotiations," said one Unionist. We need to be in there," said another, "because if you're not in you can't win. I just think it's time to go in and face down Adams and Sinn Fein." Paradoxically, it is the former paramilitants, many of whom have been to ail for loyalist terrorist offences, who privately most favour the idea of dialogue; there is sense of having learned the hard way that jaw-jaw may be preferable to war-war.

The history of the Unionist political mainstream is littered with examples of leaders who, defying Paisleyite wrath. contemplated making a deal with nationalism. Nearly all who did so ended up wrecking their careers, while those who staved in the trenches have tended to have the longest political lives. This time, however, a perhaps unprecedentedly large section of Unionist opinion seems to favour making a leap of the imagination and opting for talks. This may, in other words, be the moment so many British ministers and Irish nationalists have dreamed of for decades: the moment when Protestant opinion finally propels its representatives into making a deal.

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Derek's golden silence cut through the waffle

obituaries of Derek Taylor, the late publicist for The Beatles, had a difficult job. How can you obituarise a publicist? Say that he did a good job? Got The Beatles very famous? Protected them from each other? Was good on the

What was mentioned nowhere - and why should it be? - was that Derek Taylor was responsible for the most electrifying bit of television I have ever seen and I often think of the moment with affection and gratitude. I would be letting down his memory if I didn't record the way it happened, here and now; some details are a bit blurred now, but my memory still retains the correct flavour

of the experience. The occasion was something like the first anniversary of the start of BBC2, and BBC2 had decided to pay tribute to itself by - how else? - staging a long, live discussion programme about TV, the media, the public, the art of communication, etc. This was back in the 1960s, so they probably talked about Marshall McLuhan as well,

and the global village. It was also the era of The Beatles, so although they couldn't lure a Beatle on to the programme. they had managed to get Derek Taylor on - "Yes! We've got Derek Taylor!" you can imagine the assistant producer shouting down the phone in triumph. "Who the hell is Derek Taylor?" you can imagine the producer saying. "Only The Beatles' right-hand man, that's who," says the assistant producer, as if he is being asked who John the

Baptist is. Nowadays I would have to be paid to watch such a programme but in those days I thought that theorising about communication was not a waste of time, so I switched on the two-hour live discussion programme - and by "live" they meant it was actually happening as it went out, whereas today by "live" they mean it was recorded in front of an audience months ago - and settled down to watch the assembled heavyweights hold forth. Thirty years on, I cannot remember any of them by name, but they were playing in the same league as names such as Hoggart and Williams

and Miller and Steiner.



Miles Kington

Not to put too fine a point on it, it was a dreary, semiintellectual, posturing, jargonridden programme, with people gently fighting each other to get in with their theories, or, if they hadn't any theories, fighting to get in with their anecdotes. The only exception was Derek Taylor, He seemed to have nothing to contribute to the discussion at all. It wasn't quite clear whether he was out of his depth, or agreed with what everyone said, or was on drugs, or what, but for a whole hour he said nothing at all. To begin with, the others welcomed this lack of

competition, as it gave them all more space to talk. But the chairman of the programme finally felt his nerve crack. and he turned to Derck

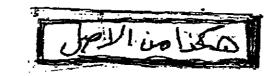
Taylor and said: Derek, we have ranged far and wide over the subject of the media today, which is obviously something you are concerned with, but you haven't said anything at all yet in this first bour. Is there anything you want to add to the debate before we go into the second hour?

To which Taylor finally stirred and made a speech

along the following lines: "Well, I would like to say just one thing. I have been listening to what you have all been saying for the last hour, and I have to say that although I have lived my life in the media, I haven't understood a single word of what you were talking about. I am not stupid but I just don't know what you are driving at. Now, I am sure there are lots of people out there who are listening to this conversation and who are having the same experience as me. They don't know what you're on about. They probably think it's their fault. They probably think they are

odd because they can't understand what is being said. So I think that my most valuable role in this discussion is to sit here and be someone they can identify with, someone who is as baffled as they are. What they need on the screen is someone who they can see with their own two eyes is just as adrift as they are. That's all I want to say, really, and I don't intend to say anything more in the programme.

And although the programme went on for another 60 minutes he didn't say another thing. Not a thing! What a performance! He was worth every penny of whatever he was paid that night. How often since then. when people on TV have been discussing modern painting and rock music and politics and football and the Booker Prize and genetics and all the things that bring out the worst in pseudointellectuals and indeed real intellectuals, how often have I longed for an icon of Derek Taylor to appear in the corner of the screen, listening and shaking his head, as if to say Don't worry. It's not you. It's them. It is they who are talking through their hats."



Ashdown finds reason to forge a strange alliance

imagine anything crazier. Tony Blair, the most popular, unifying peace-time Prime Minister of the century carries all before him. Today's endorsement of the Scottish Parliament vindicates not only his party's devolution policy but his own. rather lonely, and, in Scotland, originally much criticised decision to hold a referendum in the first place. His intuitive grasp of the public mood after the Princess of Wales's death, and his ability to speak for the country, underline his invincibility. His majority is huge and impregnable. His party shows scarcely a sign of schism. And up pops beddy Achdown talking about

Paddy Ashdown talking about the desirability of coalition. Who does he think he is? A politician still confident he is very much in play, is who. His interview this week with the New Statesman was at once more casual and calculated than it looks, More casual, in that he did not mean to drop some heavy hint that he is imminently to be offered.

much less accept, a fistful of places in a Blair Cabinet. More calculated in that he is determined to drive home to his own party, as it prepares for its annual conference in 10 days' time, the merits of its deepening relationship with Labour - a relationship which will enter a new phase next Wednesday when senior Liberal Democrats meet ministers for the first time round the cabinet table under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

There were grumbles among some of Ashdown's MPs at Westminster when he broke it to them that he was accepting places on the new cabinet committee on constitutional reform. But he is entitled to boast that his strategy - all the way from his pre-election promise that he would not prop up a minority Tory government - has so far succeeded better than even he could have hoped. The arm's-length alignment with Labour paid off handsomely as voters, backing candidates from each party with cheerful anti-Tory promiscuity, delivered Ashdown 46 seats. Because of Labour's landslide, even with this signal electoral success, the party doesn't have the leverage it would have liked: But that is precisely why it's sensible to exploit ment into backing the one change that would qualitatively transform its chances: electoral reform for the House of Commons. It is not even as if the party has forgotten how to oppose; with an eve to the student vote, the Liberal Democrats will campaign this autumn against the Government's introduction of student fees. For all these reasons, despite the huffing and puffing, Ashdown will have little serious trouble at his conference.

For Blair himself, it's different. He can't see. from his Olympian perch, anything on the horizon which threatens the kind of parliamentary instability that would make the Liberal Democrats useful, let alone necessary. But Ashdown's calculation is that Blair is looking well beyond the horizon. When the Prime Minister famously spent some of the summer before the election reading George Dangerfield's The Strange Death of Liberal England, he cannot have known how relevant the landslide of 1 May 1997 would make



Donald Macintyre

Liberal Democrats

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third term

electoral reform, the most serious Liberal Democrats will have nowhere to go but to a Labour Party they can at last feel entirely comfortable in, or is he a pluralist in the purest sense of the word? New Labour big tent, or multi-party coalition? Even the most optimistic private characterisation of the Prime Minister's views is that he is "emotionally more open to being intellec-tually persuaded" of the case for reform.

which so dominated the 1906

parliament is imprinted on his brain. The Liberal Democrats

best placed to read Blair are con-

vinced that he is obsessed by the

need for a second, and probably a third term. And they are prob-ably right that they themselves figure, however cloudily, in that

Nevertheless, there is an odd omission in Ashdown's intrigu-ing disclosure that he would

have recommended to his party a coalition had there been a

hung parliament. At what price? He is surely not assuming that Blair would have given away

proportional representation in an indecently hasty backroom deal to prop him up. It would have been just as plausible, and

a good deal more dignified, for

a Blair minority government to soldier on and win a second

election outright. But without it, would Ashdown's party have backed coalition? Probably not.

the Liberal Democrats' own

obsession. And for all Ash-

down's bullishly expressed con-viction that Blair will come round to PR quite soon, the

Liberal Democrats are still unsure of Blair's true inten-

tions, or even whether Blair

himself is yet sure of them. Yes,

he wants to forge the sort of

grand alliance that will with-

for the left and centre-left after the First World War. But how?

Does he calculate that, denied

tand the pressures which did

For electoral reform remains

The deliberations of the cabinet committee on the terms of reference for the Commission which will put a reformed system to the promised referendum may shed some light on his views, and on whether he is flirting with the halfway house of the alternative vote system. The pressures are building up in favour of change, the latest being increasing talk in Scotland that local authorities might change to PR whatever opportunities it has, including seats to clean up town-hall politics - a reform that on the new committee, to press the Governis fully in the competence of the new Edinburgh parliament. If that happened, England might well follow. And a first-past-the-post system for Westminster would look all the

But whatever the answer is, Ashdown's strat-

egy can scarcely be abandoned. In hindsight it seems incredible that the Liberal Democrats could ever, post-Blair, have contemplated continuing to sulk in an equidistant tent. They will oppose the Conservatives, they can only compete with Labour. The two leaders are friends. The big picture policies, on social cohesion, on economics, even on all constitutional reform short of PR, could hardly be closer. Only tribalism, in either party, now stands in the way of the kind of co-operation Ashdown envisages. No one yet knows quite what the endgame is. But there is a book which both Ashdown and Blair yearn to see written sometime in the next century. Forgive the title - it's awful: The strange continuity of liberal and it. The story of the collapse of the centre-left centre-left Britain.

Scotland's gamble on a new political culture

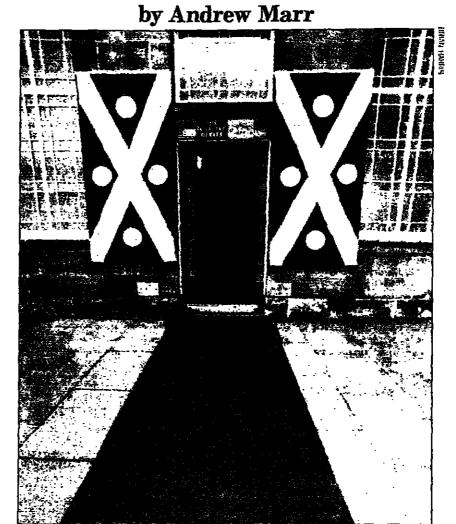
ive us our parliament in Scotland. Set start with no traditions. We will start with ideals ... men and win start win locals ... men and women ... [will] spend their whole energy, their whole brain-power, their whole courage, and their whole soul, in making Scotland into a coun-try in which we can take people from all nations of the earth and say: This is our land, this is our Scotland, these are our people, these are our men, our works, our women and children: can you beat it?"

Thus, nearly 75 years ago, a lean and hungry figure, lank hair falling across his face, in full passionate torrent in front of a crowd in Glasgow. The man was John Maxion, one of the original "Red Clydesiders", and he was arguing in favour of Scottish Labour's first home rule Bill. To compare the sense of urgency and the emo-tional force of his campaign

with the comparative quietness and hesitancy of this September is striking and raises questions. Then, politics was different. It was about ideology. Maxton and his colleagues dreamed of a "Scottish Socialist Commonwealth" in which the landlords would be driven out, the common people liberated, and the scourges of bad housing, unemployment and poverty banished. The question of what a Scottish nent was for was, to them, blindingly obvious.

Yet to many of those engaged in the current campaign, the day-to-day purpose of the Edin-burgh parliament has not been quite so clear. A hard agenda of planned reforms, which one might have imagined to be at the very forefront of the "yes, yes" campaign, was mostly missing There were fine generalities about a better health service, bringing government nearer to the people and so on - all excellent. But there hasn't been nearly enough debate about what should happen to Scottish schools and universities under a new regime, or the environ- fuzziness deliberate? Who and ment, or urban transport policy, or indeed anything concrete. How might devolution help. rather than hinder, fish-farmers and the service industries? What would a Scottish parliament be doing now to turn around the country's terrible health record that Westminster hasn't done? Do the parties want to improve access to the country? Should there be more New Towns?

The fuzziness about breadand-butter issues may have a lot to do with the less confident. more attenuated political culture of the Nineties. Politicians have become used to explaining how little they can do, not how much. But if they can't make important changes to people's lives, why would any-one vote to have more of them?



The Old Royal High School in Edinburgh, possible home of the new parliament

In local politics there are dim, expenses-fiddling fourth-raters under whose authority no sentient creature would like to exist

not contain enough talented

and dedicated people to fill an

Edinburgh parliament. Ex-min-

isters, among others, believe that it will inevitably become the preserve of those who could

not make a living elsewhere and

who are so talentless that they

Is this possible? Frankly, in

theory at least, yes. The worst

people in Scottish local politics

are awful. There are dim.

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under whose authority no sen-

tient creature would like to

exist. There are also fine and

dedicated people. But unless

the Scottish parliament lures

many more good people into public life there, it will fail.

at Westminster.

Paradoxically, the lack of a confident Scottish domestic agenda, argued vigorously between the parties, has also fuelled the suspicion among the enemies of home rule that there is a hidden agenda. Is the what is hiding behind the cillors from a string of poorly can't even join the (not overly-blandly reassuring generalities run and occasionally corrupt brilliant) squad of Scottish MPs about devolved power and responsive government?
In Scotland, there are many

better-off people, and businesses, who genuinely fear that the result of the referendum will be a belated, if less extreme, experiment in the policies advocated by Maxton in the Twenties; that, just as Marxist China embraces privatisation, this small northern country will have a go at socialism. It will be the insurance companies, as well as the landlords, who are driven out. and the immediate tax impost will be less dramatic, but the

damage will be real enough. This may seem a bizarre fear, given the general conservatism of New Labour in power. But

the opponents of devolution (including, it has to be said, certain members of the Tribe of Marr - we are not a clan - who live north of the Border) are looking not at Tony Blair when they shiver. They are worried. rather, by the prospect of counlocal authorities near at hand. taking control of Scotland, and mucking the place up further.

At its extreme, this becomes both an anti-Scottish and an anti-politics argument. Scottish politics has been a branch factory of British politics, and to many people the country had seemed to contract-out its political life to London. It was something that happened far away. So, many people ask, why have the political fools and knaves back? Why not let us get on with our lives?

The second line of thinking openly pessimistic about Scottish public life. Among many Conservative critics, in particular, there is a half-spo-ken belief that Scotland does

nome rule ease eventually reduces. So why the optimism: Two reasons: the new voting sys-tem and the new responsibilities of an Edinburgh parliament. The voting system matters more than many people seem to have grasped. Scottish local government has been politi-

I think it will lure them, I think But the whole Scottish political culture will have to change. That, indeed, is the

gamble to which the whole

cally monotone. That is why it has been so had. In many parts of the country one party (generally Labour) has had a freehold on the town halls, as well as on the parliamentary seats. The concentration of poverty in and around the main cities has been part of the reason. But first-past-the-post voting has reinforced it; as in much of England, local politics has become a cosy, one-party club,

operating on favours and deals.
The new parliament, though,
will have a proportional system.
There will be voices there that have not been heard for years in iocal authorities. Labour is unlikely to have an overall majority Scottish Tories and the Liberal Democrats, as well as the SNP, will be there in numbers.

But this is not just about the balance of parties. If it comes to pass that a lumpen-councillor style of parliament is elected first time round, then tens of thousands of Scots will have three choices: head for Yorkshire: endure bad governance in a state of teeth-grinding hopelessness; or become involved in public life. I think that a very few would emigrate; a certain number would keep the dental service busy; but very many would get involved.

Bit by bit, year by year, enthusiasm and energy will return to Scottish political life. All sorts people - doctors, headichers, business executives, engineering workers, bus drivers and novelists - will realise that they can make a difference. and will be provoked by had arguments or poor decisions into trying to make that difference. And then, before many years have passed, Scotland will have a parliament that really helps. And its members will be able to look around and say: This is our Scotland, this is our land, these are our people and our works ... can you beat it?" On this morning of all morn-

ings, that is an expression of faith - a gamble. It may seem ludicrously optimistic. But if it is a gamble, it is a gamble on democracy. To reject this new parliament is to reject politics. And none of us can afford to do that.

The paparazzi join the New York art world

Adrian Dannatt visits a timely exhibition that traces the history of celebrity snapping

elliniesque" as in the grotesque, absurd and bizarre, might be picked at random as an adjective for the scene this week at Manhattan's prestigious Robert Miller gallery, whose latest exhibition vanished altogether on its opening night beneath a pan-global avalanche of photographers, TV cameras and journalists simultaneously reporting on each other. Synchronicity ordained that this show, planned eight months in advance as part of the gallery programme, would suddenly be turned into a bulimic media feed-ing frenzy: for its title is "Il Paparazzo", and the black-and-white images on the walls trace this distinct photographic genre from the mid-Fifties until today. Fellini (not just his "esque") is

much to the fore. Not only is the director pictured several times, but the exhibition is a homage to the term-he invented for La Dolce Vita, for which he created the name "Paparazzo" after a school friend - an entirely fictional origin for a breed fix-

ated on raw reality.

The Robert Miller gallery is renowned for its photography department, which specialises in such modern masters as Diane Arbus, William Eggleston and the abstractions of Jan Groover. These are overthy high art practitioners, far removed from the sordid financial engines that drive the paparazzi. To curate a show around the micro-history of the celebrity snapper would be an interesting choice for such a gallery in any circumstances, as within the polished, white, callery cube any image gains associative pedigree. But, as this show demonstrates, there is no such thing as "photography" per se, merely different uses and abuses photographs.

If the idea was to

explore the hidden aesthetics of such photography by presenting it in a different cultural arena, which the show ably and fascinatingly does, the surging mêlée of reporters at the opening were more concerned for a titillatory pan of glamorous guests or shocking close-ups replicating unthinkingly the issues of the show. At one point, the smallest room contained no fewer than six rival TV crews tripods scattered like alien visitors, glaring lights St Tropez, while a German

presenter launched into his monologue, waggishly whipping out his own Instamatic to flash into his TV camera, part of the vertiginous selfcontained media storm that included photographers photographing photographers in front of their photographs of photographers photographing photographers and so on into post-modern meltdown. Olivier Renaud-Clément, the gallery's photography director, attempted to explain his intention to a ceaseless chain of interviewers from Taiwan to Denmark, all determined to reduce it

to a moral faux pas.

The show certainly does not whitewash the paperazzi by turning their work into isolated visual vignettes of compositional merit; instead, and rather surprisingly, the first historical section, "Il Paparazzo 1954-1964", is extremely condemnatory. While



creating a miniature The paparazzi make their presence felt in 'La Dolce Vita'

"stolen shots" of the notorious, earliest practitioners including Tazio Sec-chiaroli (on whom Fellini based the original "Paparazzo" figure), Mar-cello Radogna and Mario de Biasi could easily have been turned into nostalgic souvenirs from an era of innocence, it is made brutally clear that the game was just as violent, intrusive and unwelcome then as now. The room full of framed black-and-white photographs may look sophisticated, but closer inspection shows Brigitte Bardot's boyfriend chasing a photogra-pher on the Via Veneto; Walter Chiari trying to punch Tazio himself, then fighting another photographer, Anita Ekberg fighting them off with bow and arrows; and a particularly shocking image entitled "Jayne Mansfield lying on the ground after having been assaulted by a woman jealous of her beauty, Rome 1960".

Recurrent paparazzi themes are made clear, not least the strange sym-biotic link between celebrities and cars. There are endless shots of automobile interiors, open doors and tinted windows, as if the car were a physical extension of fame into a sculptural dimension. Planes are also much featured – the other of the two, most lethal 20th century forms of transportation, whose intimate nexus with the thanatology of celebrity J G Ballard was the first to research.

These vintage gelatin silver prints, available to collectors for a few thousand dollars each, may not claim to be art, but they open up issues otherwise taken for granted. From what is considered the first true paparazzi shot, of King Farouk in 1958, until today, this photography can be daringly abstract, yet happily accepted by a socio-economic clientèle vocally opposed to abstraction in any other medium. An entirely incomprehensible jumble of dots only needs a cap-tion to become immediately commercial in a way the pointillist painters could never have grasped. The paparazzi take photographs in which

imagined with text prompting. The second half of the show, "Il Paparazzi 1964-1997", shows how basic rules of the genre have remained, albeit heated to boiling

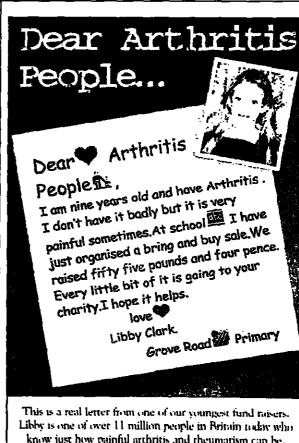
nothing matters apart from capturing the murkiest semblance of an event,

which can then be constructed or

point by money and the all-out power of "Celebrity Culture". This section also demonstrates how clichés of the paparazzi shot bave influenced fashion photographers in everything from parodistic advertising campaigns to everyday catwalk practice. Throughout the show it is obvious how much these photographers limit themselves to already determined media targets. for in the majority of shots other photographers' circular flashbulbs are visible like the halos of Quattrocento saints, an unbreakable publicity loop no different today.

It could be argued that without such work the only images of our celebrities would be studio portraits staged by themselves, or that we now have an archive of historically important, spontaneous verities; but what is finally impressive about this exhibition, regardless of its own timing, is that it shows the real history of the paparazzi without obvious moralising or any attempt to elevate their work to artistic status. The final framed shot is a 10 by 8in print of an elegant young woman in a strapless dress being led into a dinner in Washington DC last year. We only see her naked back, her hair; but unlike those Sixties starlets of the Piazza di Spagna, this woman is so instantly, almost subconsciously recognisable that she requires no caption or explanation. Whether as a mark of respect or symbol of the end of unbridled paparazzi power, this photograph is the perfect note to end on. Of all the images in the exhibition it is marked NFS, Not For Sale.

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YOUNG OR OLD - THE PAIN'S THE SAME

Sir John Kendrew

John Kendrew will be remembered for many contributions to science, but three stand out: tail, of the structure of myoglobin, a protein found in muscle, the function of which is to take oxygen from haemoglobin: his role as the founder editor (1959) of the *Journal of* Molecular Biology, and the setting up of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) in Heidelberg, which will forever be regarded as his

monument. From 1947, for 27 years, Kendrew was College Lecturer. Official Fellow and Director of Studies in Natural Science at Peterhouse, Cambridge. As is typical of Oxbridge Fellows, he also undertook other college duties, serving successively as Librarian, Proelector, Steward, Wine Steward and Custodian of the college's paintings and por-traits. And when Cambridge University introduced its new Tripos on the History and Philosophy of Science, he also supervised undergraduates

reading those subjects. But Kendrew, while serving as a teaching Fellow, won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1962 (which he shared with his fellow Petrean Max Perutz). and also served as President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in 1974. And when he handed on his responsibilities to his successor. Dr Klug (now Sir Aaron Klug OM. President of the Royal Society), whom he was instrumental in recruiting to Peterhouse, he too won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry (in 1982) while a teaching Fellow.

He was born in Oxford in 1917, the son of a climatologist father and an art historian mother who carried out distinguished work in Italy on veronese and Florentine painting. He attended the Dragon School, Oxford, from 1923 to 1930 and Clifton College from 1930 to 1936. Entering Trinity College. Cambridge, as a Scholar in 1936, he became, in due

ural Sciences when he took the Tripos Part I in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Biochemistry with first class Honours and another First in Part II Chemistry.

After graduating in 1939, he

ent the first few months of the Second World War doing research on reaction kinetics under the supervision of Dr. E.A. Moelwyn Hughes. He then became a member of the Air Ministry Research Establishment (later Telecommunications Research Establishment) and worked on radar. In 1940 he joined the staff of Sir Robert Watson-Watt, and for the rest of the war was engaged in operational research at Royal Air Force Headquarters, successively in coastal command, Middle East and South East Asia: he held the honorary rank of Wing Commander, KAF.

During the war years, his scientific interest became more biological, largely because of the influence of two great scientists. First, the brilliant polymathic physicist J.D. Bernal, with whom he rubbed shoulders in Ceylon. When the Japanese surrendered, he returned from the Far East via Pasadena where he spoke to Linus Pauling at the California Institute of Technology. Among the varied provinces of Pauling's protean genius, his penetrating insights into the structural elucidation of (small) biological molecules was particularly exciting. Paul-ing's stimulus greatly influ-enced Kendrew, so that, when he returned to Cambridge in 1946, he had already decided to commence work on the structure of proteins.

At the Cavendish Laboratory he began his collaboration with Max Perutz (who had earlier identified haemoglobin as his target) under the direction of Sir Lawrence Bragg. What stimulated Perutz and what also sustained him and Kendrew for over a decade was the certain knowledge. traceable to a seminal paper on the structures of pepsin in the course, Senior Scholar in Nat- mid-1930s by Bernal and

Dorothy Crowfoot (later Hodgkin), that crystalline macromolecules (like the blood protein haemoglobin and myoglobin consisting respectively of approximately 12,000 and 2,600 atoms) had each of the constituent atoms situated in a precise site, and that the rabbinically complicated task of determining these sites could, in principle, be retrieved from the tens of thousands of diffraction spots that crystals of these proteins yielded when

exposed to X-rays.

The scientific methods harnessed and brilliantly extended by Kendrew and Perutz had some of their origins in the universities of Glasgow, where J.M. Robertson invented the heavy atom substitution method, and of Utrecht, where the Dutch crystallographer Bijvoet showed how the threedimensional structure of complicated molecules could be retrieved from the X-ray dif-fraction patterns of two differheavy-atom variants. Kendrew, assisted by two visiting American scientists who came to the Cavendish, Howard Dintzis and Richard Dickerson, succeeded in obtaining crystals of gold- and palladiumsubstituted myoglobin. These proved crucial. Kendrew, with his formidable mathematical skills, could also take advantage of the emergence in Cambridge of the EDSAC-1 and EDSAC-2 digital comput-ers, which he exploited for the Fourier analysis of his

When, in 1957, Kendrew solved the structure of myoglobin, Perutz confessed to being envious. But shortly thereafter, he too, using mercury-substituted haemoglobin, reached the promised land. What was particularly exhilarating was the realisation that the twisted and folded helical chains that Kendrew found in myoglobin, were also present in Perutz's haemoglobin. This galvanised activity in molecular

diffraction data.

biology world-wide.

Adolf Butenandt, the emi-

nent German Nobel Laureate, set his colleagues in Munich the task of using chemical methods (such as those pioneered by Frederick Sanger) to trace the sequence of amino acids in the oteins studied by Kendrew and Perutz. The chemical results harmonised beautifully with those of crystallography. (It was Butenandt who nominated Kendrew and Perutz for the Nobel Prize).

Under Lawrence Bragg's aegis, in 1949, Perutz and Kendrew formed the newly constituted Medical Research Council Unit for Molecular Biology in the Cavendish, the forerunner of the MRC's Laboratory of Molecular Biology: and after Bragg moved to be-come Director of Royal Institution (RI) in London, they both were appointed Honorary Readers of the Davy Faraday Research Laboratory there, posts that they held from 1954 to 1968. In 1963, at a famous Friday Evening Discourse at the RI, they unveiled to a dazzled lay audience the secrets of their

Kendrew's own interest in fundamental research began to wane in the mid 1960s as he gradually turned his brilliant mind to matters of policy. He had already served as Deputy Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Defence (from 1960 to 1963); and then he became Chairman and Secretary General of the International Council of Scientific Unions from 1974 to 1980, a body of which he became President in 1988 to

and French and immersed in Renaissance culture and music. Kendrew was a committed European. When Vicki Weisskopf and Leo Szilard called him and Jim Watson (immediately after the Stockholm Nobel Ceremony in 1962), to discuss the prospects of establishing a European Molecular Biology Orcanisation (Embo) like the Nuclear Science Centre (Cern) in Geneva, he responded enthusiastically. Supported by

Fluent in Italian, German



nistry for his work on the structure of proteins

other European molecular biologists, notably Perutz, Jacob (France), Friedrich-Freska (Germany), Ole Maalo (Denmark), Jeffries Wyman (US) and, crucially, Ephraim Katchalski-Kazir of Israel (who persuaded Golda Meir to give \$20,000 towards the pascent

Embo), Kendrew led the way. Amongst other things it culminated in the creation of one of the finest biological research centres in the world, the European Molecular Biology Labo-ratory (EMBL) at Heidelberg of which he was the founding Director (for 20 years).

Kendrew served as Trustee of the British Museum, Chairman

of the National Science Advi-sory Board of the UK National Commission for Unesco, member of the BBC Scientific Advisory Group, and member of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute in Israel from 1964 to the time of his

In 1981, he took on the Presidency of St John's College, Oxford, where his diplomatic skills, artistic and cultural tastes and formidable intellect were appreciated by the Fellows and students. Upon his retirement, he returned to live in Cambridge, where he was Honorary Fellow of both Trinity and

He was appointed CBE in 1963 and knighted in 1974. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society and an Honorary Foreign Member of many national academies. He received numerous honorary doctorates, one of the first from Complutense University, Madrid and the last, just a few weeks before he died, from his Alma

Mater. John Kendrey was a sby. private person who exuded dignified charm. It was always a pleasure meeting him. Even his answerphone message:
"Please be patient and I shall get back to you as soon as possible", captured one's mind and heart. died 23 August 1997.

He will be mourned by many throughout the world. John Meurig Thomas

John Cowdray Kendrew, biochemist: born Oxford 24 March 1917; Deputy Chairman, MRC Laboratory for Molecular Biology, Cambridge 1946-75; Fellow. Peternouse, Cambridge 1947-75; Reader at Davy-Faraday Lahoratory, Royal Institution, London 1954-68; FRS 1960; Nobel Prize for Chemistry (jointly with Max Perutz) 1962; CBE 1963; Kt 1974: Director General, European Molecular Biology Laboratory 1975-82: President, St. John's College, Oxford 1981-87.

Burgess Meredith

"I was born a character actor." once asked the director Lewis maintained Burgess Mcredith. Milestone how he managed to "I was never really a leading draw such a splendid performan type." Despite or probably because of this, Meredith's acting talent kept him, for seven decades, in demand in nearly every branch of the entertainment industry.

He had been a boy soprano, college student, merchant seaman, tie salesman, reporter and Wall Street runner before making his first stage appearances with Eva Le Gallienne's Civic Repertory Theatre in New York (1929-33). On Broadway in Little Of Boy (1933) he played a prizefighter. and, although the play only achieved 12 performances, he tied with the legendary George M. Cohan for Best Performance of the Year. He was next offered the role of a college student called Buzz Jones in the farce She Loves Me Not (1933). As Meredith's nickname had always been "Buzz", this seemed (and was) fortuitous; it was his first box-office hit.

Clearly echoing the Sacco-Vanzetti case, Maxwell Anderson's acclaimed verse play Winterset (1935) concerned the efforts of Mio Romagna (Meredith) to clear the name of his lather, a radical electrocuted for a murder he hadn't committed. Anderson wrote three more plays for Meredith: High Tor (1936), The Star-Wagon (1937), and Knickerbocker Holiday (1938). Their working relationship ended when Meredith rejected the latter play, accepting instead the role of Prince Hal opposite Orson Welles's Falstaff in Fire Kings (1939), a cumbersome disaster

that never reached Broadway. Meredith again played Mio in the screen version of 11 interset (1936), the first of over a hundred films, including *idiot's De*light (1939) and Second Chorus 1941), in which he lost Paulette Goddard to Fred Astaire, but won her off screen; she became his third wife. That same year he was the "Harry" in Tom. Dick and Harry, one of his few "A" features in which he got the girl

mance from Lon Chaney Jur as the simple-minded giant, Lennie, in his Of Mice And Men (1939). Milestone said, "It was Meredith who did it. Nearly all their scenes were together, and Buzz's acting was so true. Lon's

US Army, writing, directing, coproducing and appearing in several government orientation films, most notably Welcome to Britain (1943), which he codirected with Anthony Asquith, which prepared England-bound GIs for the unfamiliar accents and warm beer ahead of them. The army placed him on inactive status to play the war cor-respondent Ernie Pyle in The Story of Gl Joc (1945), one of the few distinguished Holly-wood films about the American fighting man. He played an ancient, flower-eating eccentric as well as writing and producing Jean Renoir's Diary of a Cham-bernaid (1946), which starred Paulette Goddard.

In 1947, when the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) subpoenaed a group of film writers because of alleged Communist affiliations, Meredith was one of the film personalities protesting that the action was unconstitutional. After the all-star comedy A Miracle Can Happen (1948), which he also produced. Meredith suddenly went mysteriously cold at the major studios. To escape HÚAC's long shadow, he came to England to play a neurotic psychiatrist in the screen version of Nigel Balchin's novel Mine Own Executioner (1947). Richard Winnington wrote in the News Chronicle: "Burgess Metedith plays this part with a neryous power he has not equalled since the first appearance in Wouerser." In Paris, Meredith appeared in and directed The Man on the Eiffel Tower (1943), an ef-

just couldn't not be." In 1942 Meredith entered the

ficient thriller in which Charles Laughton played Georges Simenon's Inspector Maigret.



Meredith, left, with (from left) Frank Gorshin, Lee Meriwether and Cesar Romero in Batman, 1966

acted in five plays and directed another five between 1950 and 1956. He was also busy in radio and television until the publication of an infamous paperback called Red Channels -Communist influence in radio and Ti. The book listed his name alongside various left-wing organisations, and he had to take legal action to get back

on the air. As a theatre director, he was particularly proud of three productions: Joyce's Ulvases in Nighttown (1958), starring his fellow blacklistee Zero Mostel as Leopold Bloom, the compilation A Thurber Carnival (1960) and James Baldwin's

Blues For Mr Charlie (1964). Meredith's film career was reactivated by Otto Preminger. who cast him in the Washington melodrama Advise and Consent (1962). In his memoirs, Preminger wrote, "Burgess gave one of the greatest performances I have ever seen, in the short but important role of

Herbert Gelman, a witness who lies. I didn't direct him, he did it all himself." Preminger also cast him in The Cardinal (1963). In Harm's Way (1965), Hurry Sundown (1967), Skidoo (1968) and Such Good Friends (1971).

Meredith's shade may not

forgive me, but mention must be made of his splendidly villainous Penguin in television's Batman (1966). "It may have done me more harm than good," he wrote in his autobiography, "but it made an impact. I thought it had a Dickensian quality. . . Recently a newspaper qualified me as best known as the Penguin'. It's an idiot's game to get yourself into." Meredith much preferred his Emmy-winning role in Tail Gunner Joe (1977), a semidocumentary about Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, in which Meredith played Joseph N. Welch, the Boston lawyer who represented the army in the televised hearings that sealed McCarthy's political doom. It

was Welch who, after a young legal assistant had been groundlessly accused of Communist sympathies, rounded on the ig-noble Senator with "Have you no sense of decency, sir?" As Meredith later wrote, "When I played Welch I was getting a splendid revenge. I had been placed on the 'Red Channels' list by the McCarthy gang and

this was a fair response His performance as Harry. the alcoholic ex-vaudeville hoofer in John Schlesinger's The Day of the Locust (1975) earned him a nomination for Best Supporting Actor, but he lost to George Burns in The Sunshine Boys. The following year his performance as Mickey the trainer in Rocky won him another Best Support nomination, but he lost to Jason Robards in All the President's Men. He repeated his trainer role in Rocky II (1979) and Rocky III (1982), in which Mickey died of a heart attack. None the less, he turned up again in Rocky V (1990), rePhotograph: Ronald Grant Archive

turning from the beyond to remind Rocky of the sacred principles of the fight game. He played Jack Lemmon's 94-year old, sex-obsessed father in Grumpy Old Men (1993), a role he repeated in Grumpier Old Men (1995).

In his 1994 autobiography, Meredith made it clear that retirement was not for him, "I always have an ear cocked for the clarion call, an eye for the next role," he wrote. "I'm a worker and I like to keep working. As best and as long as I am physically able."

Dick Vosburgh George Burgess Meredith, actor, director, writer, producer: born Cleveland, Ohio 16 November 1908; married 1932 Helen Derby (marriage dissolved 1935), 1936 Margaret Perry (marriage dissolved 1938), 1944 Paulette Goddard (marriage dissolved 1949), 1952 Kaja Sundsten (one son, one daughter); died Malibu, California 9 September 1997.

Sir David Hopkin

David Hopkin's influence, first as Chairman of the British Boxing Board of Control from 1983, then as President from 1991, helped the board to become one of the best organised and smoothly oiled of boxing world.

He campaigned firmly for the standardisation of boxing regulations, especially in medical areas, across the world. It was a thankless, almost impossible task, but along with John Morris, the secretary of the board, he took up the fight and brought the issue into the open. It remains a long-term objective in a sport which is notoriously maverick. Hopkins also played a major

role in the revamping of the constitution of the European Boxing Union (EBU), an organisation which had long been viewed within the trade as anachronistic, ill-informed and racially biased. He was instrumental in persuading the EBU to register as a limited company, with its financial base in London, and to revitalise its administration. The EBU is now one of the most efficiently run administrative bodies in the world, with a reputation for making sensible, well-informed decisions.

The son of Daniel Hopkin, a Labour MP, David Hopkin was educated at St Paul's School and studied at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Corpus Christi, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 1949 and worked in the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for 20 years from 1950. With his Dickensian looks and quiet, gentle-

manly wit, Hopkin was widely respected during his long association with Gray's Inn. From 1970 he was a Metro-

politan Stipendiary Magistrate. rising to become Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate from 1982 until 10 years later. But it was boxing's strange, often bizarre world which attracted him forso much of his life. The current chairman of the British Boxing Board of Control, Leonard "Nipper" Read, said of him: Sir David loved hoxing and boxing people and his feeling for them was rewarded by a regard seldom expressed but always apparent."

Hopkin was invited to join the Southern Area Council of the British Board of Control 1 in the 1950s by the leading promoter of the day, Jack Solomons, and settled quickly into the business. As chairman from 1983 to 1991, he earned a reputation for fair dealing, although he could, when the need arose, be a firm disciplinarian. By the 1980s his influence

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had spread internationally. He travelled widely to boxing conventions and championship contests over the last decade, constantly seeking to maintain and, if possible, improve standards of administration, with the welfare of boxers his first priority.

Shortly before his death, Hopkin received a letter from the president of the World Boxing Council, José Sulaiman which said the annual award presented to the WBC Commissioner of the Year (the world-wide administrator of the year) was to be named after him.

Bob Mee

David Armand Hopkin, mugistrate and boxing administrator: born 10 January 1922; called to the Bar, Gray's Inn 1949; Member of Stuff, Director of Public Prosecutions 1950-70; Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate 1970-92. Chief Metropolitun Stipendiary Magistrate 1982-02. Chairman, British Boxing Board of Control 1983-91, President 1991-97; Ki 1987; married 1948 Doris Whitaker (one son, three daughters); died London 21 August 1997

DEATHS

DEASE: Resulind, illustrator and stamp designer, wife of fain Vays died peacefully at their home in Calcutta on 10 September, after a long illness Details from her daughter Fenella Gentleman, 5 Tredegar Square, E3

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEST: A Service of Thanksgying for the hie of His Homan Giles Best will be held in the Abbey Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sherborne, at 2.30pm on Saturday 11 October. NICHOLLA A service of thanksgiving for the life of Professor Donald Nicholl will be held at the Church of

Births, Marriages

Back in America, Meredith

the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1, on Friday 26 September at 2.30pm.

& Deaths

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS, MARRIAGEN & DEATHS should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor. The Ladependent, 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 50L telephoned to 0171-293 2011 or faxed to 0171-293 2010, Charges are 20,50 a line (VAT extra).

Birthdays

Miss Maria Aitken, actress, 52; Sir Lindsay Alexander, former deputy chairman, Lloyds Bank, 77; Mr Nicholas Barter, principal, Rada, 57; Miss Chili Bouchier, actress, 88; Col Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, chief of Clan Cameron, 87; Mr Alan Catheart, chairman, Avis Europe, 54; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston. 82; Miss Linda Gray, actress, 56; Mr Wesley Hall, cricketer and politician. 60: Miss Han Suyin, doctor and author St. Mr Ion Holm, actor 66: Mr. Gerald Howarth MP, 50; Mr Freddie Jones, actor, 70t Mr Donal Leni-

han, rugby footballer, 38: Ms Fiona MacTaggart MP, 44: Lord Milner of Leeds, solicitor and politician, 74; Mr Patrick Mower, actor, 56; The Right Rev Alan Rogers, former Bishop of Edmonton, 90: Sir Arthur Sugden, former chief executive, CWS, 79: Sir Gervas Walker, former chairman, Avon County Council, 77; Mr Max Walker, cricketer, 49: Miss Rachel Ward, actress, 40; Professor George Zarnecki, art historian, 82.

Anniversaries Births: Herbert Henry Asquith, first Earl of Oxford and Asquith, statesman, 1852; Maurice Chevalics, eqtertainer, 1888; Frederick Louis MacNeice, poet and broadcaster, 1907, Deaths: Dr Peter Mark Roget lexicographer, 1869; Leonid Nikolayevich Andrevev, novelist, 1919; Tate Gallery: Barry Martin, "Mondrian Exposed", 1pm.

Robert Traill Spence Lowell, poet, 1977; Anthony Perkins, actor, 1992; Raymond William Stacy Burr, actor, 1993. On this day: Eron College re-ceived its first charter, 1440; the marriage took place of Winston Churchill and Clementine Hoxier, 1908; a military coup deposed the Emperor Haile Selassic in Ethiopia, 1974. Today is the Feast Day of St Ailbhe, St Earswida and St Guy of Anderlecht.

Lectures National Gallery: Helen Weston, "18th-Century France (2): Antoine Watteau, painter of modern life?".

Woolwich plc

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Eddie George, was guest of bonour at the 150th anniversary dinner of the Woolwich, held last night at the Royal Artillery, Woolwich. Sir Brian Jenkins, chairman of Woolwich plc, presided and Mr Alan McLintock also spoke.

Appointments

Professor Alfred Smyth, Master of Keynes College and Professor of Me-dieval History in the University of Kent at Canterbury, to be Warden of St George's House, Windsor Castle, from 1 January 1998.

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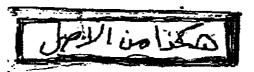
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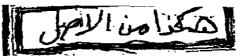
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BTR opts for £2.8bn disposal programme

Magnus Grimond

BTR yesterday moved decisively to turn its back on its conglomerate past after announcing plans for a massive disposal programme involving nearly one-third of its £9.5bn annual sales to leave the business focused entirely on its engineering activities.

The move, which will be ac-companied by a "substantial" repayment of capital to shareholders, marks the final unravelling of the sprawling group covering around 1,000 businesses put together by Sir Owen Green, who, like Lord Hanson, created one of the most dynamic and acquisitive conglomerates of

But BTR appeared to run out of steam in the early 1990s and the latest sell-off is the second phase of a revitalisation pro-gramme initiated by Ian Strachan, chief executive, who was brought in in January 1996 with a brief to turn the group around. He has already disposed of businesses with around £2bn of sales since unveiling a £622m restructuring a year ago and last meters, power drives and spemonth announced that Robert Bauman, the chairman of British Aerospace, would take over BTR's chairmanship from

The latest plans were warmly received by the stock market yesterday. BTR's shares, which had fallen by one-third since Mr Strachan's arrival, jumped 15p to 234p yesterday, adding more than £600m to BTR's market value, although they remain well below the peak of 407p hit in 1993.

Mr Strachan said that, with most of the original plan to dispose of £2.3bn of turnover complete, he was moving to accelerate the transformation of BTR. He was focusing on engi-neering because those businesses have the greatest potential for value creation for shareholders, given their leading positions and good growth prospects. Sales in the engi-neering businesses have grown at a compound rate of 16 per cent over the past five years, against 11 per cent for the op-

erations being sold. The group will end up with four businesses in automotive products, where it has a commanding position in sealing and anti-vibration systems, control systems, including batteries and cialist engineering. The rest, covering a range of operations

sold by the end of next year. Some observers believe the new chief executive has bowed to pressure from the City to take more radical action to deal with BTR's problems than was unveiled last year. But he said yes-

considerable progress and this is the logical extension of it."

He also played down any suggestion of friction with BTR's investors. "There is a continuing dialogue with the shareholders and, on the basis of the fact that they are the owners of the business, we listen to what they say. But they generally re-

main supportive of the strategy

terday: "In the 12 months since

we announced it, we have made

of focusing for growth."

One shareholder injected a note of caution yesterday, say-ing the sale of so many busi-nesses would be "a huge task." He added: "We don't want a fire sale after all these years. This is always a temptation when man-agement just decides to get shot of businesses."

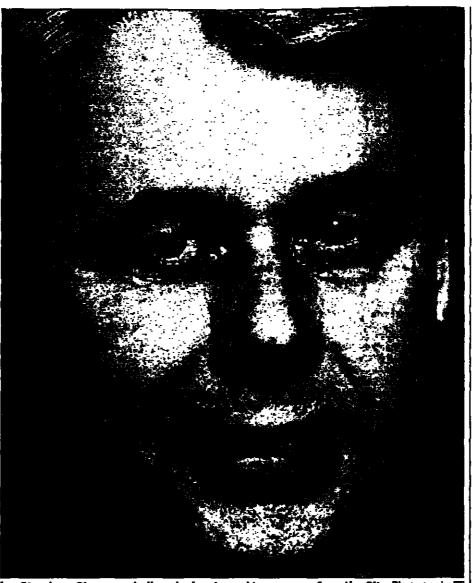
One analyst suggested Mr Strachan had bowed too far to City opinion. "It smacks a bit of policy on the hoof", he said. "It

more sanguine, suggesting that the planned moves could not lead to a re-rating of BTR's shares. Geoff Allum at Henderson Crosthwaite said: "I have always felt what Strachan was try-ing to do was the right thing. The only question was how long it would take him to get on and do it. He has accelerated that pace dramatically today."

Assuming proceeds from disposals come somewhere in the range £3.5bn and £4bn, he forecast that the shares could now go to between 280p and 320p. The restructuring announce ment accompanied interim figures showing pre-tax profits of £540m for the six months to June, up from £4m in the comparable period, which was hit by the provisions for the original re-

structuring programme.

Despite being earlier forewarned by a profit warning, analysts were disappointed with the results. The strength of sterling cost £54m in translation and trading effects, but even stripping out exchange effects and exceptional items, profits slipped 5.7 per cent to £534m. The interim dividend is held at 4p, but



from glass and plastic packagsmacks a bit of giving the City what it wants and the City loves the group forecast a better pering, through building products what it to laminates like Formica, are action. formance in the second half. Comment, page 21 Ian Strachan: Observers believe he has bowed to pressure from the City Photograph: FT Why 'focus' has become the business mantra of the age

Roger Trapp

BTR's decision to sell off £2.8bn worth of non-engineering businesses is the latest manifestation of a trend that has been continuing for some time. Diversification is out and focus is in.

seen the arch-conglomerate Hanson split itself into four, ICI spin off its pharmaceuticals nterests into Zeneca and Williams concentrate on fire and security products, it is tempting to see this as another turn of the management fad cycle. After all. we have seen focus, or "sticking to the knitting", as it was once companies to opt for diversification once more in the interests of balancing their exposure to sectors or countries.

This time, though, say the break-up proponents, it is different. This is partly a response to changes, in Britain at least, to the accounting regimen. The Accounting Standards Board under Sir David Tweedie has pretty much outlawed the kitchen sink" provisions and extraordinary items that acuisitive companies used to

the move towards globalisation that has made the world a much more complex place in business terms. Where previously, the arch predators were able - in the

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running any kind of company, them to do that with any kind of conviction. It is for this reason, suggests David Sadtler, a consultant and co-author of the old-style conglomerates.

emerging all the time to exploit highly profitable niches, few widely diversified companies can give the attention required recent book Break-Up!, that for effective competition to all

How the conglomerates underperformed and fell out of fashion...

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obscure the true costs of their a "core competence" out of just about the last hold-out of they need to decide on what distinguishes them from their With nimble companies rivals and concentrate on that to the exclusion of all else.

Because investors recognise this, conglomerates find themselves unable to gain the institutional backing to do the deals on which they depend, and can

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generally only win approval if in Break-Up! about the value they decide to go in for share

locked up in these companies, often through expensive buy-backs. However, these same people headquarters operations, only for many of the newly inde-pendent entities to produce

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reacte guis in Arthur Calos, owns 73 bisinesses around the world. Chairman Greg Hutchings is unspected about congloragem lag. The big-acquisitions include Rams Hovis. Machogai due tota and the US-indian souls Turkines Sedis.

must have been disappointed by the amount of money released to them via the various soin-offs and demergers. Managers and advisers have echoed the claims

like the former Hanson constituent. Energy Group. they are quickly pounced on by another predator. And that is the final factor that needs to be borne in mind

before the end of the con-

glomerate is celebrated. Its

demise does not mean that the

poor returns. Unless, of course.

era of the large company is over. Rather, as the planned mergers of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan and of BT and MCI demonstrate, large companies are likely to become even larger. It is just that where they were previously spread across various businesses they will now be focused on one industry and seeking to dominate it through achieving as much market share as they are allowed. And they will seek to ensure they keep their options open - not through outright purchases but through devel-

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British Energy

to buy nuclear

Gas price cuts will leave 3m customers in the cold

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Some 3 million low income households are to be excluded from price cuts by British Gas next year, which will knock £28 off average bills for its remain-

ing 16 million customers.
Centrica, the demerged
British Gas supply business,
has limited the £28 cut to the 6 million homes that pay bills by direct debit and a further 10 million that settle bills within 10 days. The 3 million low income homes left out of the reductions. of which 1 million have pre-payment meters, will instead receive a only a price freeze when the cuts start on 12 January.

The move means those excluded will get almost no benefit from the reduction in pipeline charges in the new price formula for Transco, part of the former British Gas, or from the abolition of the gas levy announced in the Budget. The levy, which disappears in April, was a special tax on old North Sea gas contracts.

Roy Gardner, Centrica's chief executive, defended the cuts, arguing pre-payment households were already subsidised. Although Centrica has a legal duty to pass on the cuts, it can decide how it implements the reductions. "We currently charge pre-payment customers less than they cost us. It's an industry-wide problem."

responded Mr Gardner.
The Gas Consumers' Council called for an urgent investigation by Ofgas, the industry watchdog and the Government. "We believe this represents a significant worsening of their position," said Sue Slipman, GCC director.

Last night Eastern Natural Gas, one of the largest independent suppliers, said the reductions had been implemented unfairly by Centrica. Jim Whelan, Eastern's managing director, said: "I would have thought it would have applied to all customers. These cuts are not the result of competitive pressure.7

About £14 of the £28 saving came from the reduction in pipeline charges, following Transco's defeat at the hands of the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission. Centrica yesterday unveiled losses of £216m for the first six months of the year, up from losses of £53m during the same period in 1996. The figures included a £192m charge to cover the windfall utility tax and a £75m reduction in earnings due nerships and strategic alliances. I to the warm spring weather.

Sheffield Wednesday

Andrew Yates

Sheffield Wednesday, the Premier League football club, has moved closer to a flotation on the stock market by appointing Ian Wood, the former head of First Leisure's sports division, as its new chief executive.

Mr Wood took up his duties at the start of the week. The club has not revealed what he will be paid but he is thought to be in line for bonuses and share options if he can float the club. Sheffield Wednesday yesterday sent its shareholders details of its financial results for the

year to 31 May. The club made a loss of £3.2m after splashing out more than £4.3m on transfers, including last season's £3.5m purchase of Beneto Carbone, the Italian football star. The club returned to the black at the operating level, making a profit of £1.84m compared to a loss of £716,000 last year.

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Charterhouse Development Capital, the venture capitalists, became the largest shareholder in Sheffield Wednesday last May, paying £15.6m for a 36 per cent stake in the club. The club has used the cash to buy new players such as Paolo Di Canio. another Italian import, from Celtic. Manager David Pleat has been told he has more money to

terhouse Development, said: This new appointment brings us closer to a flotation.'

Mr Wood headed First Leisure's bowling and health and fitness business. His exit is one of a growing number of management changes at the leisure group in the wake of the appointment of Michael Grade, the former head of Channel 4, as chairman. Chief executive John Conlan and Nick Tamblyn, who was in charge of the bingo division, have both left.

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sharpest contraction in the Japanese economy for 23 years, along with plummeting share prices in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Jakarta, sent a ripple of alarm around the world's stock mar-

The collapse in the Japanese economy during the second quarter of this year – described as "frightening" and "appalling" by economists - ensured that the crisis in Asia will dominate the reetings of the G7 finance ministers and the International Monetary Fund starting in Hong Kong next week.

Gordon Brown intends to emphasise the need for openness in economic policies at his first IMF meeting. The recent events in Asian financial markets, which have been blamed partly on inadequate information, have made the Chancellor's planned remarks more relevant, according to Trea- ficials said this would be an opsury officials. Mr Brown, with other EU fi-

nance ministers, will meet to be drawn from the handling many of their Asian counterparts in Bangkok in advance of the G7 and IMF sessions. Of-

of the current crisis. There was scant sign of sta-

bility in the region's currencies Asian crisis 'need

Manila - A new World Bank the turbulence in Asian curreport claimed yesterday that the East Asian financial crisis would not bamper the region's record of strong growth as long as structural economic reforms were made, writes Stephen

Taking issue with some Asian leaders, primarily Malaysia's Prime Minister, Mahathir Mohamad, Stijn Claessens, the report's main author, said he did not think that international speculators and hedge fund managers were responsible for

not hinder growth'

portunity for a genuine ex-

change of views on the lessons

rencies and stock markets. "On the contrary," he said, "in some cases they have supported these currencies." He argued that the general pessimism about Asian markets was more than the fundamentals warranted, and said some fund

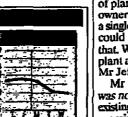
managers were coming back. Even so, the report gives plenty of grounds for pes-simism. At the heart of the region's problems, it says, lies a mass of bad debt and lowgrade lending by banks.

Tokyo's Nikkei index lost 423 points to end at 18,282. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index also dived, shedding 497 points to 14,308. In London the FTSE 100 in-

dex ended 50 points lower at 4,854. By mid-morning the Dow Jones index was down 94 points at 7,625, while the dollar jumped to ¥120. Yesterday's figures showed that Japan's GDP declined by 29

per cent in the second quarter of the year, the biggest fall since a 3.4 per cent drop early in 1974. Consumer spending dived by 5.7 per cent, and private investment fell by 1.5 per cent. Exports are the only expanding area of the economy.

Koji Omi, the economic plan-ning minister, said the fall in GDP was temporary, reflecting an increase in sales tax in April. "The gradual recovery trend led by domestic demand mains intact," he said. Comment, page 21



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stations in US in Australia. Mr Jeffrey said one of the reasons for the switch to

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

British Energy yesterday un-veiled its biggest expansion since privatisation last year, with a venture to buy and operate several nuclear power stations in the US. The nuclear group has

formed a joint venture business to acquire the stations, called AmerGen, with its US partner. the Philadelphia utility group Peco Energy. Robin Jeffrey, British Energy's deputy chair-man, said in Washington last night that the new company was already in discussions with several other power businesses to buy nuclear stations.

'We're looking at a number of plants and are talking to the stations acquired and their fu-owners. This is not to acquire ture decommissioning costs. a single plant. Peco on their own could do that. It's bigger than that. We're not going to buy one plant and pull up stumps, " said Mr Jeffrey.

Mr Jeffrey said AmerGen was not planning to buy Peco's existing nuclear stations, but was examining some of the other 106 nuclear generating plants across the US. Peco, which began exploring investment opportunities with British Energy last October, wholly owns a nuclear station at Limerick in Pennsylvania and has 42.5 per cent stakes in two more, at Peach Bottom in the same state and Salem in New Jersey.

The move into the US followed the decision by a consortium including British Energy to pull out of the bidding for a coal generating plant the deficit would be wiped out.

nuclear acquisitions was the high price of fossil fuel generating capacity. "Fossil generation at the moment is a sellers' market," he said.

British Energy will use its ex-pertise gained from boosting the performance of its reactors. Since the sell-off last year the output of its gas-cooled stations, and the Sizewell B pressurised water reactor, have exceeded analysis expectations. The company declined to say

how much cash it expected to inject into AmerGen, or the lia-bilities it would take on from buying power plants. Mr Jeffrey said British Energy's investment would depend on the age of the Separately, Magnox Electric,

the state-owned nuclear generator split off from British Energy on privatisation, announced a big reduction in the hole in its balance sheet after a cut in its decommissioning liabilities. In the year to the end of March the black hole in its accounts shrank from £1.33bn to £682m, largely because of cheaper decommissioning contracts with British Nuclear Fuels.

Magnox's total liabilities dropped from £8.9bn to £8.4bn. while the value of its investments rose by £500m to £3.44bn. The remaining assets, in the form of a guarantee from the government to cover some liabilities, was uprated by 4.5 per cent from £3.7bn to £4bn. Mark Baker, chairman, said that in two years

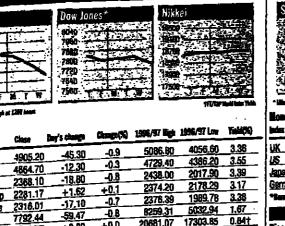
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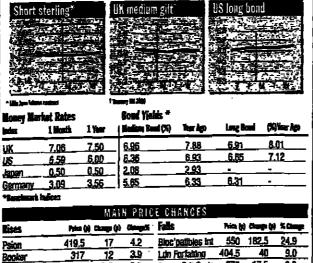
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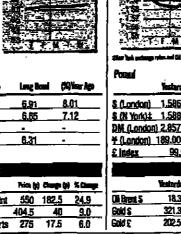
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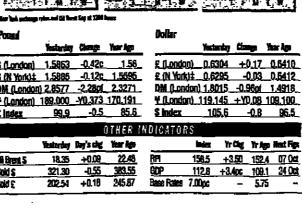
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United Biscuits narrows its focus

used to making headlines for the wrong reasons that it was proud to boast a set of results that were "deliberately boring" yesterday. The company and its chief executive, Eric Nicoli, have certainly been through the mill in the past few years - the McVi-ties and KP crisps group has been relentlessly pursued by powerful competitors such as PepsiCo, the mak-

ers of Walkers Crisps.

The effect on UB has been a share price that has underperformed the market by 60 per cent over the past five years. Yesterday's 5.5p fall took the tock to a five-year low of 198p.

To its credit, the company has taken tough decisions. It pulled out of the United States when the Keebler operation was sold two years ago. Since then it has also sold nine other businesses, mainly in continental European snacks, and rationalised its manufacturing base through eight factory closures. Other disposals are expected in low-margin areas such as UK snacks and continental businesses, though there are no immediate plans and buyers may prove thin on the ground.

The strategy going forward is to concentrate firepower on fewer key brands, such as Hoola Hoops, Skips and Penguin, while driving forward more recent launches such as the McVities Go Alread range of low-fat snacks.

The portfolio has certainly been strengthened. Two years ago, 40 per cent of UB's sales delivered a return on capital employed of 5 per cent or under. But after disposing of businesses with £1bn of sales, just 5 per cent of turnover is now in that category. By contrast more than three-quarters of the group's business returns more than 20 per cent on capital employed.

While it is difficult to fault the strategy, the criticism is that it is taking a long time to feed through to results. Profits before exceptionals in the six months to 12 July were flat at £45m and the company is struggling to drive growth. Sales fell by 3 per cent at constant currency rates and the company admits there is unlikely to be any top line growth in the second half. All this means UB is relying on efficiency improvements to improve the bottom line. So while the City had been hoping that UB was moving into the recovery phase, the best it can look forward to is another year of consolidation.

The geographic picture is also still very mixed. UK snacks and biscuits profits were tlat, but crisps sales fell, with own-label business particularly weak. In Asia Pacific, profits were wiped out by a price war in Australia, where Pepsi-Co's Frito Lay is attacking UB's dominant share in the grocery sector.

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United Biscuits: At a glance

Market value: £1.05bn, share price 198p (-5.5p)

1995

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(100.6)

(23.9)

9.8

1997

□ 1996

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Share price, (pence)

1994

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and analysts downgrading full-year announced a flat payout of 16.5 cents forecasts to £110m, UB shares have now yesterday, the gain in the value of the fallen to a forward rating of around 13. This is hardly expensive, but for a com-pany with this record, not cheap either.

Problems take shine off Rio Tinto

no Tinto, the mining group which used to be called RTZ, has suffered some unaccustomed hiccoughs over the past year or so. The Sumitomo scandal, which saw copper prices slump last year, was not of the group's making, but a range of other problems closer to home have taken the shine off the group's normally slick image. Coinciding with the integration of CRA, the Australian associate with which it merged last year, the shares have underperformed the market by 16 per cent since the beginning of 1996, dropping 29p to 996p yesterday.

The cause was probably disap-pointment over the interim dividend, which has effectively been cut as a re-sult of Rio's decision to declare its re-creases at the Escondida mine in

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Dividends per share (p)

Operating Profit, 6 months (£m)

Turnover (£m)

With the bid premium evaporating sults in dollars. So although the group pound since last year means that the sterling equivalent of the payment has been cut 2.2 per cent to 10.37p.

But Rio is also trying to rebuild cov-er, which was 1.5 times in dollar terms last year. Exchange and cover will reverse in time. More important is the outlook for earnings, which, rising 9 per cent to \$975m (£599m) at the pre-tax level, were broadly in line with expec-

tations in the six months to June.
There are grounds for hope there. Rio appears to be getting to grips with the high costs in Comalco, the Australian aluminium operation. It is also taking a bard line over its coal opera-tions in New South Wales. In total, cost savings following the CRA merger should be running at their full rate of \$250m by next year

Trickier to call is the Kennecott smelter at the Bingham Canyon mine in Utah. Lost profits could be as much as \$100m this year, after \$150m in 1996. The effects of Rio's rising output were clear from the interim figures, with higher gold and copper produc-

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half year

Chile feeding into a £144m earnings uplift from sales volumes. That momentum should be maintained into the second half, with higher copper prices to boot. The real clouds come from the Far East, in the extent of Chinese buying of copper and how much demand is lost if growth falters in the tiger economies. Full-year earnings of \$1.4bn would put the shares on a forward p/e of 16. Hold.

Coats in need of major surgery

oats Viyella, the troubled textiles group, has fallen apart at the seams over the past few years. Terrible first-half results yesterday saw its shares tumble another 13p to 108p, having fallen from 164p a year ago and 283p in 1994.

In the past five years the shares have underperformed the stock market by

more than 70 per cent.

Pre-tax profits fell 12 per cent to £41.5m in the six months to June. The figures reveal a catalogue of woes. The spring collection at Jaeger, the normally reliable fashion label, flopped. A downturn in the Russian fashion market whacked margins on sales of Berghaus clothes and Coats' contract clothing business, which supplies M&S, was disrupted by a continuing restructuring program. To cap it all, the strong pound wiped £6m off operat-

ing profits.

There is no easy solution to Coats many problems. The second half is likely to see some sort of improvement, but not much of one.

Mike Ost, the new chief executive, faces an uphill struggle to pull the group out of the mire. In his short tenure he has already accelerated Coats' belated restructuring programme, which will cost the group up to £30m a year, compared to an original budget of £10m. But the group is in need of more fundamental surgery.

Mr Ost is to announce his future

strategy by the end of the year. He will have to reveal a raft of disposals or a break up of the group via a demerger to restore any sort of investor confi-

House broker BZW has slashed its current year profits forecast from £140m to £92m to reflect the rise in restructuring charges and the poor prospects for the second half. That puts the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 13. Coats should also maintain its dividend at 8.8p, to give a forward yield of more than 10 per cent. Even so the shares look high enough.

Limelight disaster continues with new profits warning

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Limelight, the Moben kitchens and Dolphin bathrooms group, which has been one of the worst new issues of recent times, continued its disastrous run yesterday when it issued a fresh profits warning and said it would not be paying an interim dividend.

Limelight shares lost more than 40 per cent of their value, closing 27p down at 37.5p. They were priced at 175p when the company was brought to the market last November with NM Rothschild acting as its financial adviser and Cazenove, the blue-blooded City firm.

Some institutions noted that Rothschild was also adviser to Aerostructures Hamble, the engimeering business chaired by Lord King, which issued a series of profits warnings after coming to the market in 1994. It was eventually taken over a year later

In that case there were threats of litigation from institutions

It is possible that there could be a Stock Exchange investiga-tion into the performance of Limelight shares, though the exchange refused to comment yesterday. "It is a disaster," said one institutional investor. "It may be one for the regulators."

Limelight blamed the latest warning on "unprecedented decline" in appointments at its Moben kitchen showrooms in the first quarter which caused sales to drop by a third in the first three months. The Portland conservatory business was also affected by local competition.

Stephen Cotter, chief execuacting as broker. tive, admitted the performance was poor but said he had not been subjected to any pressure from institutions for boardroom changes. "We are as devastated as the shareholders. But no one could have foreseen these massive decreases."

Stephen Boler, the Cheshire at a fraction of the issue price. entrepreneur who developed the company and made £60m from the float, still owns 17 per though it never materialised. cent of the shares and is a nonexecutive director. He has written to the company saying he has no intention of return.

ing to an executive position or of taking the company private. Reporting a slump in firsthalf operating profits from £8.1m to £700,000, Limelight said sales at Moben-Kitchens Direct, Dolphin Bathrooms and Portland conservatories had all fallen sharply. Only Sharps bedrooms recorded a sales gain. Dolphia and Portland slumped

into a loss in the period. Mr Cotter said trading had increased since the end of the half year with overall group sales in the first nine weeks up by 5 per cent on the same period last year. However he admitted that a kitchens and bathrooms company should be seeing more benefit from the £300n of building society windfalls.

L&G assets boosted by £3.7bn of new money

A record £3.7bn of new money from customers flooded into Legal & General in the first half of 1997, according to figures released with the insurer's results yesterday.

The influx of new money, which was £500m higher than the previous half-year record, helped boost assets under management at L&G to £54.6bn.

Operating profits for the group rose 15 per cent over the period to £155.1m with worldwide new equivalent premium income, which measures new regular premiums plus 10 per cent of single premiums, rising by 16 per cent. David Prosser, chief execu-

core business and while the performance would be difficult to replicate, he said the second half was progressing well."
UK business led the way in

tive, said the results demon-

the first six months with equivalent premiums rising 24 per cent and new individual business by 49 per cent. UK life and pensions oper-

ating profit rose to £115.3m from £103.4m previously, while UK general insurance profits increased from £9.7m to £10.1m. The strength of sterling over the past 12 months, however, helped cut overseas life and pensions profits by £1m to £19m.

Mr Prosser said competition strated the strength of L&G's remained tough and attention was focused on driving down expenses. Unit costs at L&G have fallen by 25 per cent since 1993. Analysts said full-year prof-

it forecasts may have to be cut slightly since the results were a shade below expectations. The interim dividend is being increased by 14 per cent to 4p, a rise that reflected the benefits of changes made last year

to the operation of L&G's long-

term fund. The changes provide a basis for transfers from the insurance fund, described by Mr Prosser as the "flywheel of dividend growth".

Booker profits hit by strong pound | Vickers seeks £100m from medical sale

Nigel Cope

Booker, the cash and carry group which acquired the rival Nurdin & Peacock group last year, disappointed the market vesterday with lower profits hit by a fail in salmon prices and the effects of the strong pound. Charles Bowen, chief executive, said that if sterling continued at current levels it would knock £7m from full year profits.

Booker shares fell 29.5p to 287.5p as analysts downgraded considering the future of 22

their profit forecasts. However, Mr Bowen was upbeat about the performance of the cash and carry operation and said the integration of Nurdin & Peacock was ahead of schedule.

Additional costs have been taken out of the business and Mr of debt by the end of 1998. Debt at the half year was £382m, unchanged from last full year.

more depots but said jobs lost wards central distribution.

Bowen said Booker would fulfil its pledge of paying down £100m Mr Bowen said Booker was

in any further closures would be offset by jobs created as the company completes its move to-Group pre-tax profits before exceptional items fell from

£24.7m to £22m. The dumping of Norwegian salmon and the strong pound caused UK agribusiness profits to fall from £10m to £3m. The company has set up joint ventures to open cash and carry operations in Thailand and Malaysia.

Chris Godsmark **Business Correspondent**

Vickers, the Challenger tanks to Rolls-Royce cars group, hopes to raise £100m from the sale of its loss-making medical equipment businesses.

Announcing the sale yester-day, Sir Colin Chandler, chairman, moved to curb speculation of a break-up bid for Vickers by companies such as British Aerospace or GKN, insisting that no

discussions had taken place with potential predators 'We've had no approaches.

There's no truth in that whatsoever," said Sir Colin. Both GKN and, yesterday, BAe, have also denied the rumours. Sir Colin said Vickers had

already received several expressions of interest about the medical division from potential buyers. "We are looking for a single purchaser but there's not one out there yet. We wish there was."

Three medical businesses are left in the group, together employing about 500 staff. The biggest of the companies makes intensive care incubators in the US.

Vickers yesterday revealed that the medical division slipped further into the red in the first half of the year, losing £4.6m, compared with £200,000 during the same period in 1996. Around £3.6m of the losses came from the reduction in stock values.

Vickers' headline profits in

of another loss-making medical business, S&W, which makes monitors.

Sales of Rolls-Royce and Bentley cars rose 13 per cent, but a drop in demand for the most exclusive limousines contributed to a fall in operating profits from £13.5m to £9.8m.

the first six months of the year

fell by more than half, from

£31.8m to £15m. Most of the

drop came from a £12.5m pro-

vision to cover losses on the sale

Sir Colin repeated that Rolls-Royce was not for sale, despite the continued interest from BMW, the German car group which supplies the Crewe-based company with engines and other components: "We've got no thoughts of selling it for some time, if at all. BMW would love to buy it."

Sir Colin said the long-awaited replacement Rolls-Royce. the first since 1980, would ar-

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Former Foreign Secretary goes in to bat for Britain once more

Lord Hurd of Westwell, the former Foreign Secretary, is going into bat for British Invisibles as its new chairman. At the same time BI is proposing to merge with another body which promotes the country's financial sector abroad, CEENET, the export promotion company run by the Corporation of London. BI is a creature of the Bank

of England, so the new

organisation would represent a marriage between two big boys in the City. The nuptials depend on the respective members giving the go-ahead to the two bodies, although not much is likely to stop this arranged marriage. Whether this will give Lord Hurd more clout than his

other job as a director of NatWest Group depends on your point of view. In fact the bespectacled Old Etonian is already deputy chairman of BL He will replace Sir Brian Pearse, about whom I have already written an inordinate amount this week.

Over in Threadneedle Street, Eddie George is happy to give his blessing to the marriage, saying that BI and CEENET together will provide "a solid foundation on which an effective and efficient promotional effort for the financial services sector can be based".

BSM, the company that used to be called British School of Motoring, is launching the country's first commercially available learner driver simulator, which will teach novice drivers the basic skills before they are unleashed on the public highway. Now learners can run over



Lord Hurd: Taking the chair at British Invisibles

virtual dogs, reverse on to computer-generated pavements and attempt to drive off with the handbrake still on to their hearts' content, secure in the knowledge that the rest of us are safe.

BSM's chief executive, Richard Glover, is eupboric The new simulator is great news for learner drivers. It takes away those nervous moments when you are sitting in the driver's seat for the first time faced with what seems like dozens of controls and the daunting challenge of actually getting the car moving." The machine was designed by the French aircraft

simulator specialists Faros.

The makers claim you get a

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real sensation of driving, with instructions fed in by an "intelligent" voiceover. Does this mean the person behind you still gets car sick? Will the machine inform you smugly that "you just missed the turnoff"? The five-hour course for £75 might help reverse Britain's soaring divorce rates. "Raising the Bar" is a talk by

Ken Clark to be delivered next April, according to a brochure that has just plopped on my desk. Something about drinking it dry, perhaps? No, it's not Ken Clarke, the former Chancellor and new chairman of UniChem, but Ken Clark, a personal financial adviser of 40 years standing, who is delivering the speech to the Life Insurance Association convention in

Birmingham next year. Mr Clark's speech will deal with knotty issues including "How competitive are you? Do you set yourself goals? Do you raise the bar of your own expectations?" I suspect Mr Clarke's talk would have been more fun.

Lonrho has appointed Roger Phillimore as a non-executive director, in a move which will no doubt confirm former chairman Tiny Rowland's dark suspicions that Anglo American Corporation is stalking the jewel in Lonrho's crown, the Ashanti gold mine. Mr Phillimore held positions in Anglo American prior to joining Minorco in 1981. where he was joint managing director from 1982 to 1992. Since he left Minorco Mr

Phillimore has advised various companies on international strategy.

Railtrack is moving to plush new offices at London's Euston Station over the next fortnight, an excited press spokesman tells me. The privatised company has spent £7m on the refurbishment of the office block. The move will bring together 900 staff from eight former sites around the capital, and its 14 ficors will all be open plan. apart from the offices of Sir Bob Horton and his fellow board directors, of course.

With the EBRD "gold taps in the loo" scandal obviously in mind, the Railtrack spokesman added: "We will have no marble walls or waterfalls. It will all be tastefully decorated in pastel shades. It will reflect our status as a FTSE 100 сопъралу. United Biscuits is legendary

in its generosity as far as freebies for journalists and analysis are concerned, as the food manufacturer proved once again yesterday when it announced its results at City PR outfit Brunswick. Lucky journos tucked into packets of "Phileas Fogg Authentic Tortilla chips, biscuits, cake and "Go Ahead" low fat products (very suitable). Coincidentally Booker, the cash and carry group, were also announcing their results at Brunswick. Charles Bowen, chief executive, obviously got a bit peckish as

John Willcock

he was spotted paying one of

the analysts £2 for his UB

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The logic behind pulling a conglomerate apart

ing worked by Ian Strachen, chief executive of BTR. Described by some as a "walking management text book", Mr Strachen's brief was to inject some much needed "focus" into this sprawling industrial conclomerate. A darling of the stock market during the 1970s and the 1980s, BTR has gone nowhere throughout most of the present decade. Its battery of unrelated and diverse industrial interests have become as unfashionable as they were once fashionable. Enter the smooth-talking Mr Strachen from RTZ. Unfortunately his first stab at the problem – to focus on businesses with the

lighest growth potential - seems to have been considered not focused enough by the City. BTR's share price has continued to underperform over much of the last year. So now he's going further, a lot further. On top of the £2.3bn of annual sales he's already disposed of, there now comes a further £2.8bn. The ballast already gone, Mr Strachen is proposing to throw out some prized posses-sions too in his bid to halt the descent in his company's share price. Out goes the rela-tively high-margin packaging interests. By the time he's finished - hopefully by the end of next year - he will have divested roughly half

the group he inherited less that two years ago. Whether this is enough to do the trick is any-one's guess but it is certainly true that by the time it's all over, BTR will have become a relatively coherent engineering group. Even if the erates once did, that all management is the alarming consequences for competition time it's all over, BTR will have become a rel-

It is hard to imagine a more dramatic trans-formation of a company than the one be-of extra shareholder value, this will be a beast out intimate knowledge of the needs of their that investors can understand and get to grips with. The same could not have been said of

> sprang out of the rolling 1980s.
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> Mr Strachen's efforts may be dramatic, but he's hardly alone in what he's attempting to do. This is the age of what has aptly been described as the "velcro company", a stick them together and pull them apart again culture of corporate endeavour. The examples of it are legion.

the old BTR and other conglomerates that

Having been built up from nothing in a frenzy of unrelated takeovers in the 1980s. Hanson eventually split itself into four. ICI split in two. The rump chemicals business then disposed of its heavy industrial inter-ests and bought Unilever's speciality chem-icals business. That in turn has allowed Unilever to focus on its core consumer interests. Meanwhile Guinness is trying to buy GrandMet with the ultimate purpose, it would seem, of focusing on the two com-panies' branded drinks divisions and disposing of the rest.

Other than earning investment bankers and corporate lawyers a great deal of money, is there any point in it all? Ultimately there may not be, but there are certainly powerful forces driving the process. For a start it allows managements to concentrate on what they are good at. Nobody would get away

markets, and the ability to respond to its demands, will fail.

In BTR's case, it will fail without cutting-edge technology in the industries it has chosen to focus on. To develop that, it needs to invest in a way that would not have been possible under the management by numbers yoke of conglomerate ownership. Nor is it ust the demands of the global market place that drive the process. It is obviously the case that a glass bottle manufacturing company of the type BTR plans to dispose of is worth more to a company already in that business than it is to BTR. So with luck there should be shareholder value in what BTR is doing,

despite the market's scepticism Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the present trend is how different it is from what was thought to create shareholder value in the 1980s. Then the fashion was for hostile takeovers of unrelated, underperforming companies. Now the trend is for agreed deals, generally at international evel, in a way that brings similar businesses in the same markets together.

It ought to be said that the logical end game of this process of global corporate restructuring is not, from a public interest perspective, a particularly edifying one. What it implies is that each industry would eventually become dominated by just a

For most industries, however, that's a long way down the line. Those who resist the flow will find themselves left behind. Mr Strachen is undoubtedly adopting the right approach here. Yesterday's big jump in the BTR share price ought to mark a turning of the tide.

Asia will have to learn the rules

the IMF could scarcely have chosen a better place to hold its annual meeting this year. By a lucky fluke the world's financial community will be gathering in Hong Kong to put the Asian financial turmoil under the microscope. The questions to address are: what caused the crisis, could it have been foreseen, could it have been prevented, and has the response been adequate?

With hindsight, the causes of this rude interruption to the East Asian economic miracle are reasonably clear. Trying to keep exchange rates fixed with an overheating economy and hot money flows sloshing around is a recipe for trouble. Protected domestic banking sectors rife with sweetheart lending deals have made the situation worse.

These are not unobvious points and they highlight the fact that recent events were very predictable. IMF officials were warning that it would happen, first privately and wrong to blame the likes of George Soros for this summer's plunge in his currency. Mr Soros is merely a mirror of international sentiment. He didn't provoke the crisis, he

merely capitalised on it.

As the floodgates broke, the IMF trundled its post-Mexico emergency response mech-anism into action. The speed with which it moved might have helped prevent a melt-down in the Thai banking system. But ulti-mately prevention and cure lie in the hands. not of the international community, but of the region's governments. In the end there is nothing the IMF can do to alter the policies of countries which are not borrowing money from it. It can impose economic reforms on the poor countries which are amongst its biggest borrowers, or on countries like Mexico and Thailand which seek emergency loans. But the fate of others like Malaysia and Indonesia lies in their own hands.

With the announcement of reforms like the lifting of restrictions on foreign ownership of shares and the postponement of grandiose government building projects, both countries have shown signs of reluctant acceptance of the rules of the international financial markets - including rule number one, that foreign capital only wants to come in if it can get out again. The crisis should have taught them that it is impossible to ride two horses at the same time, state dirigisme for domestic political influence, and free then publicly, for months before it actually market capitalism for access to for did. Malaysia's Mr Mahathir was always money. The two things just don't mix. market capitalism for access to foreign

BAe could look to US for defence partnerships

Michael Harrison

British Aerospace hinted yesterday that it would seek to strengthen its ties with the giant defence groups emerging in the US unless the pace of consolidation of the European

aerospace industry speeded up. Sir Dick Evans. BAe chief executive, said progress towards rationalisation among Europe's leading defence companies was proving painfully slow and was dogged by political complications and practicalities.

"My own view is that if the has a 20 per cent stake. bitions on a global scale, then : that provides opportunities for us. Europe has to be in a position where we can look in transatlantie terms."

Sir Dick pointed out that BAe already had strong links with the two big US defence and aerospace groups - Lockheed Martin and Boeing-McDon-nell Douglas. BAe has joined Lockheed Martin on the Joint Strike Fighter Project - the biggest procurement pro-

gramme in military history with a potential value of \$160bn (£100bn). It also has links with Boeing-McDonnell Douglas on the Nimrod 2000 programme, the Harrier AV8B and the T45.

However, industry observers suggested that BAe might be trying to play its European and US counterparts off against one another. BAe's preferred solution remains a regrouping of Europe's defence industry along the lines of the successful civil aircraft consortium Airbus Industrie in which BAe

BAe's results was graphically demonstrated yesterday as it emerged that it is making annual profits of about £130m from the nanufacture of Airbus wings. Profits from Airbus are set to

rise further over the next few years due to increasing aircraft production and efficiency improvements. Deliveries are proected to rise from 126 last year to 180 this year and 230 next. BAe submitted an application



Sir Dick Evans: Worried about slow progress towards rationalisation among European defence companies

£165tn in launch aid to devel- the stretched A340 but for backop a stretched version of the ing for the much bigger A3XX. long-range Airbus A340. The project which will involve aid of per cent to 4p. 375-seat jet will cost \$2.5bn to F1.9bn from the four Airbus time, give Airbus a product that can compete directly with the Boeing 747.

Meanwhile repayment of

launch aid for earlier Airbus programmes is also set to rise from £60m this year to £140m in 1998 and £160m the year after that. BAe has now repaid all the launch aid received for early Airbus programmes and is starting to pay back rolled-up interest. It believes this will strengthen its last month to the DTI for about case, not just for launch aid on at a record £19.5bn.

The launch of the A3XX is conditional on Airbus converting into a single commercial entity by 1999.

BAe made a pre-tax loss of £70m in the first half of the year after incurring £348m of exceptional charges to cover its withdrawal from turboprop manufacture. Excluding excep-tional items, profits rose by 29 per cent to £278m on sales of £3.87bn. The order book stands

National Express plans more job cuts as profits hit £32m

Andrew Yates

National Express, the trans-port group which has become the largest train operator in the UK, said yesterday it had sacked 600 people since taking over five rail franchises privatised by the government and was planning another round of re-dundancies. Analysts believe the group could eventually shed more than 2,000 jobs, a quarter of the workforce it inherited from British Rail.

National Express, which will receive a Government subsidy of £2.8bn to run trains over the next 15 years, made a profit of more than £8m from its train division in the six months to June before restructuring costs to cover redundancies. Overall, National Express recorded a 39 per cent rise in underlying pretax profits to £31.8m and boosted the interim dividend by 18

Analysts believe the company will make around £20m from trains in the current year, fuelling criticism that the government sold off the rail network far too cheaply.

One analyst said: "National Express will make a packet from these franchises. They are a gold mine and the group looks like it got a real bargain." National Express has added

its voice to the growing row between the train operating companies and Railtrack, owner of the UK's railway tracks and stations. The group has approached John Swift, the Rail Regulator, to voice concerns that it could be forced to pay millions of pounds a year to Railtrack under a controversial performance regime based on a reduction in delays caused bysignalling or track failures. The oup plans to put pressure on .

Colin Child, National Express finance director, said: We have discussed the performance regime with the Regulator. We believe it should be set at another level." National Express's comments

come after an outcry from Connex South Central, the Frenchowned group which runs trains from London to Brighton, over the £9m it has been forced to pay to Railtrack under the scheme. One source said: "This is a growing feeling in the industry that Railtrack has got off lightly and will continue to rake in the cash. We want to and will stop that."

National Express said it had a war chest that could stretch to several hundreds of millions of pounds to spend on acquisitions. It is eyeing up a host of targets at home and abroad.

Phil White, the group's new the-Regulator to amend the chief executive, said he was acquisition of ScotRail and scheme. not just looking for transport ac-

auisitions. He cited the group's attempt to buy the Welcome Break service stations from Granada, which failed at the last hurdle, as an example of the future deals that could be done.

National Express is also keen to expand its airport division. It has already put in a bid for the 51 per cent of Bristol Airport which is up for sale and has expressed an interest in running Luton airport. It will also bid for a number of the 13 local Australian airports which will be privatised this year.

National Express announced plans to introduce a combined bus and train ticket in Birmingham next month. It is also looking to introduce combined bus and train services throughout the Midlands. The company said it was confident it would get clearance from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for its

Brussels urged to relax stance on BA alliance

Michael Harrison

A rift was threatening to develop last night between Washington and Brussels over the British Airways-American Airlines alliance after a senior US government official warned the European Commission not to impose too strict conditions on the deal. The US Under Secretary of

State for Commerce, Stuart Eizenstat, delivered the message during a short meeting with Karel Van Miert, the EC Com-petition Commissioner. Mr Eizenstat said he was concerned about Mr Van Miert's insistence that the alliance should only be allowed to proceed if BA and American gave up 353 take-off and landing slots at Heathrow. Mr Eizenstat said that if the alliance did not proceed then nor would there be an open skies agreement between Britain and the the US: "We expressed the

hope that the merger would be approved and that no conditions would be attached that would stand in the way." There were fears last night that the issue could blow up into a repeat of the stand-off between Europe and the US over approval for the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger.

That ended with Boeing agree-

ing some modest concessions with Mr Van Micrt However, Commission officials cautioned against reading too much into Mr Eizenstat's comments. The Department of Commerce has no direct involvement in vetting the deal. The two arms of the US government with responsibility for next summer's innetable.

that are the Department of Transportation, which finally began its formal review of the alliance this week, and the Department of Justice, which has to give BA and American anti-

trust immunity.
There was further confusion over Mr Eizenstat's remarks since the US General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, has recommended similar conditions to those put forward by Mr Van Miert. The General Accounting Office said earlier this summer that the two airlines should be required to relinquist 322 slots a week - the equivalent of 23 round trips a day. The Commission's proposals would involve surrendering 25 round

trips a day. Earlier this week Bob Craodall, chairman of American said the two carriers could only afford to surrender about half the slots the Commission wanted. This is in line with the recommendations of Britain's Office of Fair Trading, which said 168 slots should be relinquished.

In a further twist, however, Delta Air Lines of the US, the airline most vigorously opposed to the alliance, has said that none of the conditions demanded by the regulatory authorities goes far enough. It wants BA and American to be forced to give away 700 to 800

The alliance needs to receive clearance from London, Washington and Brussels by November otherwise BA and American may not be able to launch joint services in time for

IN BRIEF

Bank leaves interest rates alone

The Bank of England announced after its Monetary Policy Committee finished meeting yesterday that there would be no change in interest rates this month. The decision to leave rates at 7 per cent had been widely expected as the Bank signalled as much in its August statement. It offers home-buyers some relief after the four increases announced in the preceding four months, each of which led to higher mortgage costs. Under the new arrangements set in place after the general election, the decision is taken by a majority wote of the Bank of England committee, and minutes of the meeting will be published in six weeks' time.

Environment Agency backs water spending

The Environment Agency has put further pressure on Ofwat, the water watchdog, to allow more spending for environmental improvements in the next price formula for the industry from 2000. Ed Gallagher, the Agency's chief executive, has written to the managing directors of all the privatised water groups stressing that Ofwat's plans for a big one-off cut in bills should be moderated to include more cash for discretionary environmental spending. "It is right that customers should benefit ... but there must be no question of the environmental improvement programme be no question of the environmental improvement programme being capped by predetermined price limits," he said. The letter is the clearest signal yet that Ian Byatt, the regulator, faces stiff opposition from the agency.

Passenger numbers up at BAA terminals

BAA, the operator of Heathrow and Gatwick airports, reported an 8 per cent increase in passenger numbers in August to 10.8 million. The biggest increases came at Southampton and Glasgow airports, which saw increases of more than 13 per cent, while at Heathrow passenger traffic rose by 6 per cent. The figures were boosted by the strength of the European charter market, where passenger numbers surged by 10.3 per cent.

Shell's interim dividend rises

Shell Transport and Trading, the UK quoted part of the Anglo-Dutch oil giant, yesterday declared a half yearly interim dividend of 5.1p a share, a 6.3 per cent rise on the same period in 1996. The dividend, which is traditionally announced by Shell several weeks after its financial results, will be paid on 3 November.

Brown launches EMU advisory group

The Chancellor, Gordon Brown, has launched an advisory group to examine the practical implications of EMU, whether or not the UK joins the single currency. Meeting representatives of the UK business community and other interested parties, including the TUC and the Consumers' Association, the Chancellor said: The single currency will have far reaching practical implications for British business whether or not the United Kingdom joins. It is vital that firms are prepared for those implications. A better prepared business sector will be more competitive in the changing economic landscape of Europe." Separate working parties will be set up to consider detailed practical questions.

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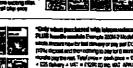
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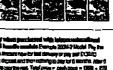
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sie falling below 4,900 points. The blue-chip index lost a fur-ther 50.4; it has fallen almost

Selling has been relatively light. With buyers seemingly content to sit on the sidelines the stock market is beginning to look exceedingly tired al-though many observers believe shares will recover their buoyancy. This week's ragged retreat follows a strong per-formance last week when Foot-

sie achieved a 176.7 advance. New York's overnight fall and poor opening did much of yesterday's damage. Further weakness in the Far East was another telling influence.

Shares gave ground for the fourth day running with Foot- value, featured high in its presentation.

The company promised to return cash raised in its bid to become a focused engineering group to shareholders, presumably through a buy-back or special dividend. It was enough to even drag the bombed-out

warrants higher. The batch which can be switched into BTR shares this year at 258p more than dou-bled to 2.75p and next year's warrants, with an exercise price of 405p, jumped 0.75p to 2.75p. EMI was another to buck the trend. Like BTR, its shares were recently bumping along

at a 12-month low.

The showbiz group's performance, up 6p at 583.5p, is an indirect result of the

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an even weaker display, falling from 402.5p to 166p.

added 10p to 834p on the story it would sell its securities

arm to Commerzbank and

P&O continued to score from

Bovis flotation plans, up 6.5p to 671.5p.

The latest outbreak of Far

Eastern worries hit HSBC

69.5p to 1,912p and Standard

pressure on Allied Domecq and Seagram, the Canadian drinks giant, to take defensive action, possibly by merging their spirit operations. Such a get-together could

lead to a separately quoted company with Allied and Sea-gram raising cash by selling some of their interest. Allied would probably pour the money into its retail oper-ations and Seagram, which has caught the showbiz bug,

lation of a bid. Waste Recycling, the David Williams vehicle, was little changed at 278.5p. It is raising £34.4m to buy a quarrying and waste dis-posal business which should be earnings-enhancing in its first year, Stockbroker Killik believe

WR shares are a buy. Psion continued to plug in from its Philips link, gaining 24p to 443.5p, and Biocompatibles International managed a token

rally, up 25p to 575p.
Gibbon, the printing ink group, held at 199.5p although sales and profits are running "well ahead" of last year.

Kwik Save, the discount chain, firmed to 331p; the shares were 843p in 1994. PDFM, the ubiquitous fund manager, has nudged its stake

Ukrainians now have 11.67 per cent of JKX, acquired through stockbroker T Hoare & Co, and Ramco and JKX are anxious to discover their in-Ukramians have moved to pre-vent Rameo getting full control and may be prepared to buy more shares; JKX held at 52p.

International Greetings, 2 giftware and greeting card group, remained at 357.5p af-ter Anders Hedlund, joint chief executive, sold 124,670 shares; his family interest is now 72,47 per cent. Johnston Press director Edward Wood sold 215,000 shares and has 0.2 per cent. The shares shaded

per cent. The snares shaded 2.5p to 222.5p. Share buy-backs were evi-dent. Rank picked up 6 million at 350p; Tomkins 1 million at

Peterhouse, the old Shorco, returned to market 73.5p in July and then placed tentions. It is thought the 100p. Shoreo, providing steel security cabins, merged with unquoted Totty Construction and Lowfields Technology, at

environment monitoring busi-

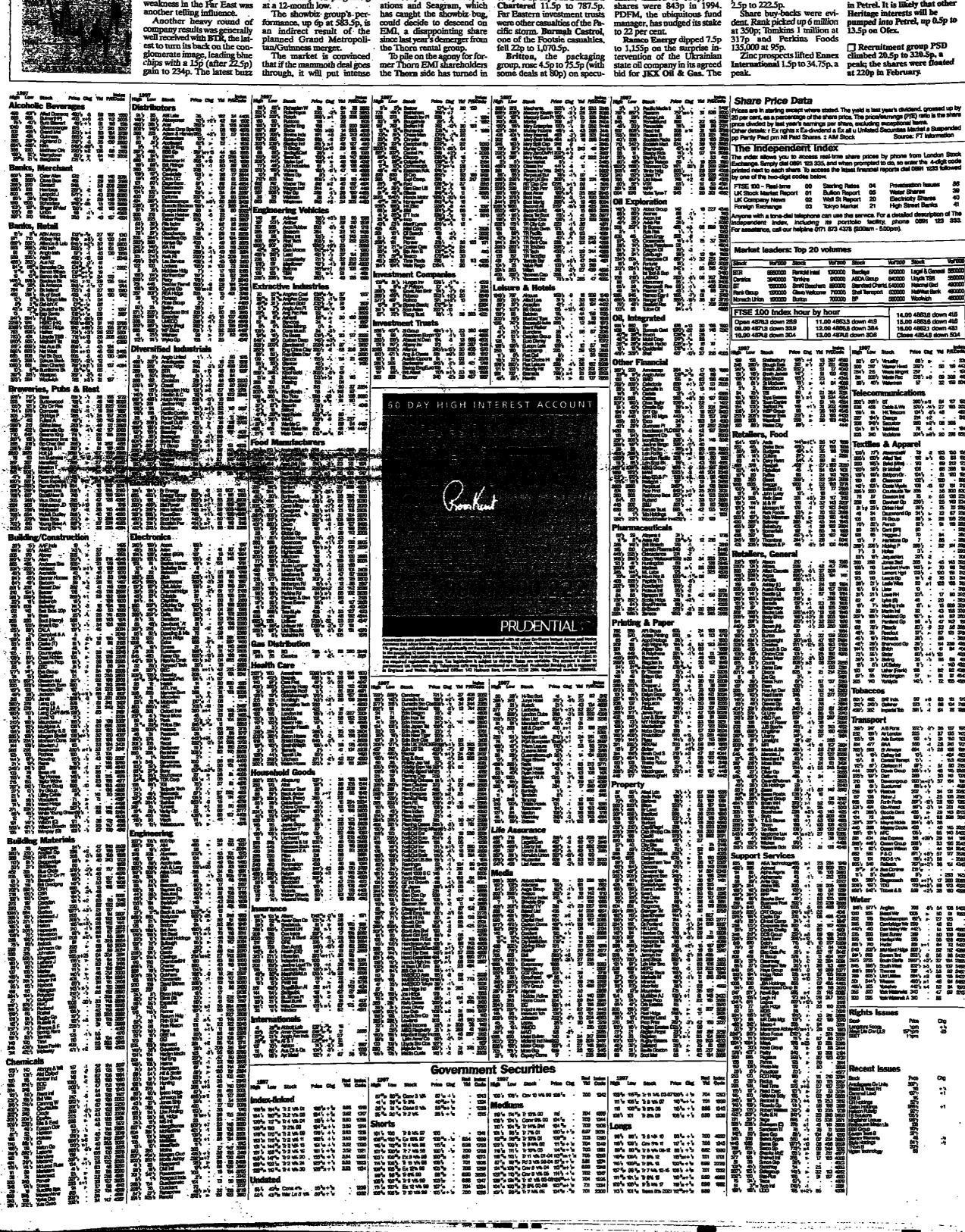
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John Teeling vehicle, is paying £1.3m in cash and shares for two African interests of pri-Gas. The deal gives Heritage, which has extensive African interests, a 22.5 per cent stake in Petrel. It is likely that other Heritage interests will be pumped into Petrel, up 0.5p to

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ST LEGER MEETING: Double Trigger's rider blames a roving camera as an emerging four-year-old joins the stayers' hierarchy

Old guard stand aside for Canon Can

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Doncaster

It was billed as the two-horse race, but the Doncaster Cup may yesterday have provided the two-horse watershed. Douhle Trigger and Further Flight, who have entertained us for so many years, were no match for the younger pairing of Canon Can and Persian Punch, and in the four minutes it took to run

suddenly looked very old. It may be time to prepare the tributes. There were quiet huddles around the beaten veterans in the winners' enclosure. Michael Roberts, Double Trigger's jock-ey, complained that his horse had been distracted by television's roving camera and has lodged an official complaint.

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DONCASTER

2.05: MUSALSAL has not run since disappointing in the Derby, but was earlier third to Benny The Dip in the Dante Stakes over this trip. Faithful Son looks clearly hast of the rest.

2.35: BUSY FLIGHT can win this for a second successive year. He set off too fast when unplaced at Royal Ascot, but returned to form last time. Memorise, stepping up from handicaps, is preferred to Pilsuds-ki's lead horse, Multicoloured.

3.05: SARATOGA SPRINGS looked a smart, and tough, per-former when winning at York, but Daggers Drawn and Carrowkeel have limitless potential.

3.35: FERNY HILL is lightly raced and looks to have been laid out for this by his shrewd trainer.

GOODWOOD 2.40: Some befit bets came off when Sandown in July. This colt went on

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Barry Hills said Further Flight kinged to Persian Punch, whose start with Double Trigger being would have appreciated more superstructure could house sev-forced to the head of the field would have appreciated more superstructure could house sevgive in the ground. Both camps seemed to accept, however, that the biggest influence in defeat was anno Domini.

There is no need to be sombre about yesterday's race. It is better to remember Double Trigger and Further Flight as they were and celebrate the emergence of Canon Can as a horse who may carry their mantle as an enduring stayer. Henry Cecil's four-year-old is 8-1 from 14-1 for the Cesarewitch with Coral and will stay in training next year. He will never look

any better than he did vesterday. Canon Can's appearance was typical of a horse that emerges from Warren Place, and there can be no greater compliment than that. The most imposing shape in the parade ring be-

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norse event at Newmarket. The filly DUE SOUTH, trounced in the Sandown race, was slowly away then

3.10: Miracle Kid won decisively on his last run, at Doneaster in March,

but is 12Ib higher in the handicap now and seems difficult to assess.

Mike Heaton-Ellis's yard is in form and his ZOOM UP is interesting at

long odds. This gelding, well suit-ed by fast ground, is handily drawn.

3.40: KAHAL finished a close-un

fourth in the Prix Maurice de

Gheest at Deauville and that per-

formance in a Group One event en-

titles this colt to victory here.

eral Greeks, while there were signs of ageing about the trumpeted players. Further Flight is now a ghost-

ly figure with a milky coat, and if you lost him in a snowdrift you RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Musalsal (Doncaster 2.05)

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could never get him back. The years have taken the richness out of Double Trigger's chest-nut hide but he did look on good terms with himself. But then his form was superior and, uniquely in this race, his testicles were

It was the traditional Cup-race

despite the impression that he was the animal that least wanted to be there. From the outset Roberts was pushing away as if his vehicle still had the handbrake on, but we had seen this all before. What became revelatory was the favourite's easy ca-

pitulation four furlongs out. "I

thought I'd go and annoy him [Double Trigger] as it is the only way to beat him," Kieren Fallon, Canon Can's rider, reported. 'He kept finding a bit more and a bit more but in the end he had nothing left to finish with." Canon Can, though, still had plenty of petrol sloshing around his tank and with Fallon at his ferocious best at the accelera-tor he was never going to be overhauled. Persian Punch

ther Flight finished in front of Double Trigger for the first time in six efforts as he completed an alliterative frame. Canon Can was remarkable

only for his slowness on the Newmarket gallops early in his career, but time and distance have seen him flourish. Midnight Line, a stablemate, is at the other end of the precocity ladder, and she completed a hat-trick in the May Hill Stakes. Optimistic could finish only seventh in this contest, but then her owner,

Mystic Meg. knew she would. The trophy for this Group Three race could probably find its own way to Warren Place. Cecil has now won seven of the last 11 runnings and 11 in all, including one with Midnight Air, Midnight Line's dam. The most recent victory was

trundled into second while Fur- further testament to Fallon's it is the best place to train."

Saratoga out to blunt Daggers thrust

GREG WOOD

The shortage of worthwhile form available to punters is a common complaint before the Flat season's first Classics, but in 1998 at least, life may be a little easier. A large helping of useful information should be available this evening, thanks to a field for the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster which takes the most important strands of this year's juvenile form and

neatly plaits them together. Just three horses are currently quoted at less than 20-1 for the 1998 2,000 Guineas, including Daggers Drawn, the probable favourite for today's race and no better than 6-1 for the Newmarket Classic. Next in Stakes at Goodwood, but when

This should be easy enough for ALINITAMAEL, who custayed the decent Migrae in a match at Newmerket. (7f) last month. He made a winning debut at Sandown (7f) in July with a cheeky neck success and looks just the type to relief today's mile. Alboostas, a debut winner at Beverlay, went down fighting against Monbray at Kernpton next time with Priceless, just over two lengths behind him in fifth. Priceless was a cheeky winner on his debut at Ponterlant (6f) and it's interesting that William Haggas takes on Alboostan again over this extra turlong. Pichoe Barron has won claimers in France so is impossible to assess, while the lifty Due South, thritty to Bobbydszzle in a nursery at Newcestle over this trip, has already finished behind both Armutawakel and Alboostan – on each occasion fasing to recover from a slow start.

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Kings, whose trainer, Aidan O'Brien, helpfully sends Sarato-ga Springs, believed to be a few However, the bare form does pounds inferior to King Of Kings, to Town Moor this afternoon. Saratoga Springs is himself a 20-1 chance for the Guineas after cantering away from a good field at the Ebor meeting, while the merits of Central Park, the 10-1 thirdfavourite for the Classic, will be represented by Docksider, runner-up to Paul Cole's colt in a

Group Three at Goodwood. The price against Daggers Drawn for the Guineas is ridiculous, but Henry Cecil's colt has certainly done nothing wrong in his two appearances to date. He seemed to be boxed in with two furlongs to run in the Richmond the long-range lists is King Of a gap appeared he bolted

not make him the certainty today that the betting might suggest. In his own way, Saratoga Springs (next best 3.05) was just as exciting when fitted with a visor at York, and it is his reputation, and by association that of King Of Kings, which should be enhanced this afternoon.

Small but perfectly-formed fields are something of a theme at Doncaster today, with five runners in three of the televised events, but no shortage of competition. In the Troy Stakes, Busy Flight (2.35) will enjoy the fast ground and should follow up his victory last year, though Memorise will run him close, and Faithful Son (2.05) may just prevail half an hour earlier.

KAHAL, who takes on three penalised rivals, is given another chance after his tremendous run at Royal Ascot when besten half-length by Among Men In the Jersey Stakes, He was a major flop at York (Jm) a month later and he was turned over again at Desawdle in a weak-ish Group One won by Coupardisse from Monassels. Mannetils and Latabianus are both back in action after injury. Namask had only one previous run (impressive Newbury with when a fine second to Starborough in a Group One at Chamilly, but he was then struck into when twing on Starborough again in the St. Jemes's Palace et Royal Ascot. Latabiannier resums after suffering a stress fracture in a foreleg, An impressive winner on his debut at Nottingfam (Jm), he then led until fading in Romanov's race at Sandown (Jm). He is a talent but has had a five-month byoff. Egolf, wither of a poor race at Sandown on her debut, fell to pleces in the had abound a Done So Wonderful's race there 16 taxs later. Selection: KAHAL

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5 435301 PERRYS FROM HEAVEN (31) (D) (FSH Prince Feltal Salment) H Candy 3 8 12C Retter 1
6 44510 AGONY AUNT (13) (Capt) Maccharatt-Bucharren) Mrs J Card 3 8 9
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	MASHA-IL (Hamdan Al Makoumi J Gosden 9 0	
5	ORSBID (30) (Mrs. Jacke Citrins) 5 Dow 9 0	
23	SABHAAN (44) (Hamdan Al Maldoum) W R Ham 9 0	D Holland 6
6	SACCHETTI (161) (Nec Tuderman) M Charmon 9 0	Fortune 8
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GOING: Good (Good to Prm in places on round course). Penetrometer reading 3.1. STALLS: Straight course - stands side: round course - inside (except 1m4f - outside DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 7f to 10f in big fields. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High best for 7f to 10f in big fields. It Right-hand course with sharp bends and gradients. It course is N of Chichester between A286 and A286. Chichester station 4m. ADMOSSION: Richmond Enclosure £10, Gordon Enclosure £10 (over-65s £5), Public Enclosure £0 (over-65s £5), Public Enclosure £0 (over-65s £5), Public Enclosure £0 (over-65s £5), Cathering £10, Cover-65s £5), Public Enclosure £0 (over-65s £5), Public Enclosure £0 (over-65s £5), Public Enclosure £0 (over-65s £5), Public Enclosure £10 (over-65s £5), Pu 2.10 EYDON HALL FARM MACMILLAN NURSES HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m Penalty Value £5,020 2.10 | EYDON HALL PARW INVALORMAN PROBLEM SECTION | CLASS E) £5,000 added Im Penalty Value £5,020 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 | 1 1.0000 SETTME: 5-1 Florm De Cool, 8-1 Gold Lauce, 10-1 Weshever's Right, gas, 12-1 Knobbleoneste, Quibbling, My Beloved, Zure, 14-1 others 1996: Ashby Hills 5 9 7 6 Carter 7-1 g fav (R Rowe) dizen (15) 20 ran

RACING RESULTS

handicap, but KOKTHARY will do for me at a price on his favourite course. He's retu-from a rest and only the soft ground stopped him from beging Cherna Paradiso at 3 bury in June. Michael Stoute has taken over Mashhaer, who had two runs last month now in his first handicap. Selection: KOXTH 2.40 BELLWAY HOMES STARDOM STAKES (Listed) CLASS A) £17,500 2YO 1m Pen Value £13,248 FIRST SHOW

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GOING: Good (Good to Pirm in places).
Left-hand course, level with long straights and easy turns.
Course is on the A443 by the River Severn. Worcester (Fore-
912 History (12 Tattership 210) and ADMISSION: Members (12 Tattership 210)
Course \$5.50 (OAPs balf-price). CAR PARK: Free except 52 into
Plenie Car Park.
LEADING TRAINERS: M Pipe - 38 from 129 runners (19.5%).
D Nicholson 22-73 (30.1%), P Robbs 22-105 (21%), G Baid-
faur 18-92 (19.6%).
LEADING TRAINERS: A P McCoy - 44 wins from 155 rider
(28.4%), R Danwoody 30-189 (15.9%), N Williamson 23-125
(18.0%), C (Lewellys 122-131 (16.8%).
FAVOURITES: - 226 wins from G37 races (35.5%).
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Torch Vert (3.25); Alpha Leather
(visored, 2-20).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Gale Ahead (3.25) has been sen
172 miles by G M Moore from Middleham, North Yorkshire.
2.20 NEW STREET NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E)
£2.925 added 2m 4f
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3 6-32P4 ALPHA LEATHER (LG) L Grassick 5 10 10 R Johnson V
4 F2C ANTIGUES THEASURE (259) A Barow 8 10 10 JM: 9 bit-Paul (7)
5 /FF-22 BILLE ROSETTE (8) M Stepper 8 10 10
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	8 U- DELOS (N2) (193) Mrs M Jones 7 10 10
	7 Q500- SERRA NEVADA (239) N Havist 6 10 10
	8 HE'S GOT WINES (F26) M Pell 4 10 8
	9 F2053- TOET EROWN (1369 (SIF) D Nicholson 4 10 8 A Minghire
	10 OUROOY CAISLEAN EILE (473) Mes C Caros 7 10 5 Lawrence
	11 00-04 CURTIS THE SECOND (65) C Barnel 4 10 3 B Featon
	BETTING: 15-5 Toby Brown, 11-4 Diogo, 4-1 Morseyes, 8-1 Delos, 12-1
	Shee Rosetts, He's Bot Wings, 14-1 Apara Leather, 16-1 others
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	2.55 COMMERCIAL UNION BLITE NOVICE CHASE
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	A 194534 RELICON 227) H Menters \$0 10 12 S Carrae
	5 0003 CART SKY (8) J M Badley 5 10 8 B Fenton 6 FP LINO (48) A H Heney 6 10 7 M Richards
	6 FP LINO (46) A H Havey 6 10 7
	7 4481-3 OKER NIKKRI (128) P Rodlord 7 10 7
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	RETTING S-11 Star Traveller, 5-1 Brazan Gold, S-1 Con Heart Dencer, Our
	MEGG, 10-1 Reliconi, 12-1 Car't Say, 25-1 line
	3.25 SELLY OAK NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,925 added 3m
	3,40 Kg ASS F) £2,925 added 3m
	1 /10251 LIGHTINING QUEST (20) Mis \$ Smith 6 12 0R Genet

	
	4 67-404 PAGE ROYALE (FIG) (27) C Mann 7 10 12
HYPERION	6 U36-14 DAUPHIN BLEU (5)(CD) J M Bradley 11 10 0
own 2.55 Star Traveller 3.25 Light- 4.00 Yubralee 4.30 Infamous 5.05	7 /0053- HI MARBLE (160) (D) (BF) Mis M Jones 6 10 0 M Denne (7) 8 P1-233 KARSCLEIGH 90Y (18)(D)(BF) R Frost 9 10 0 T O'Comner (7)
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Pa half-price). CAR PARK: Free except 52 into	4.00 NETWORK ASSET FINANCE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS C) £6,300 added 2m
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NERS: A P McCoy - 44 wins from 155 rides	3 243-PS REGAL BOMPER (11) (CD) Mis 5 Smith 9 10 7
roody 30-189 (15.9%), N Williamson 23-123	4 15/1-1 CASPAN BELUGA (27) (CD) S kryfx 9 10 0
ellyn (22-131 (16.8%). - 226 wins from 637 races (35 <i>51</i> %).	5 35P/3 VEHO'S TO SAY (16) (D) Dr P Proched 11 10 0_Dr P Proched 6 -53353 HALHWAN TARN (6) (D) H Manness 7 10 0 Dowling (7)
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HE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.	BETTHG: 5-6 Yuturalos, 7-2 Coopium Beings, 9-2 Regal Romper, 13-2 Spor-
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Moore from Middleham, North Yorkshire.	
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925 added 2m 4f	
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TTBIG: 5-2 Infamous, 4-1 Fabrion, 9-2 Alaffak, 8-1 Sicariae, Alarico.	SECTIONS 5-1 Cross The Border, 7-1 Sheletsyboly, 8-1 Storyteller, 10-1 Lord Migh Admini, 12-1
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	FORM CLIDE
5.05 TCB TRAINING HANDICAP HURDLE	Winner of a 7f maiden at Lingfield in February, then successful over 6f at Newmarket in
(CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m	Aine, SHALSTAYHOLY is a versable filly who looks even better over this minimum trip.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	She best Tear Walter (fourth) or Sandown and confirmed her liding for this distance when
42-2F1 COOLEY'S VALVE (27) (CD) Mrs S Williams 9 12 ()	a half-length second to Bahamian Beauty at York, Bahamian Beauty and the form no
Southe Mitchell (5)	
203P-3 10WAL MAN (18) ROS-deen 8 11 13 D O'Sullivan	harm when a close third to Almasi at Haydock (6f) last Finday. Cross The Border carried
	10st 7to when accoming for the litth time this season at Musseburgh a fortright ago and
P12- NOME OF SPARTA (149) (D) (SF) 0 Sherwood 4 11 10	his winning days may not yet be over. Solection: SHALSTAYHOLY
12314 HISHANERA (147) (BF) D Nicholson 5 11 7	4.40 SUN PRINCESS UF CHALLENGE STAKES (CLASS C) £7,500
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602-11 ENCS BETT (18) P Numby 4 10 10	1 111- BANKARE (USA) (1964) (13 (Hamdan Al Makesum) J Duniop 8 11
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TINE: 3-1 Mishamica, 7-2 King Of Sparta, 4-1 Eric's Bott, 11-2 Cooley's	BETTING: 4-5 Revocase, 6-5 Babbaro, 9-1 Kussoft
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ed to chart the path of a six dog. This double lifted the Irishman	3.05 Saratoga Springs GOING: Good to Firm.
on to 140 winners, seven ahead	STALLS: Straight counte - stands side, round extract - inside; round mile - outside. DEAW ADVANTAGE: None. Eleft-hand, pear-shaped course with one mile straight.
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greeted the winner of the Park Stakes, Almushtarak, suggest-	(13.7%). E PAVOURITES: 223 wins m 7 10 rock 130.1%). ELINGRED FREST TIME: Rehaming Englist (2.35); Stone Of Destiny (3.95).
ed if anyone had backed him at 25-1 they did not do so in the South Yorkshire area. The win-	WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Shal- stayboly (4.10) has been sem: 227 mules by G L Moore from Woodingstean, East Sussex.
ner was a third success for the Kuwaiti, Kamil Mahdi, who re-	1.30 AMCO CORPORATION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 Im Penaity Value £3,200
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country," Mahdi said, "for me it is the best place to train."	BETTIME: 2-1 Matawasj, 11-4 City Honours, 3-1 Profit, 5-1 Kahtan, 16-1 Daubha Blade, 20-1 Jones Nightengala, 33-1 Holy Swotes, Sauertung
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a short price for the Guineas as a result, runs for the first time	his maden and was a fresh horse when he won here on Lincoln day, ragmai son a pus- could be decisine if they crawl but Musaisal, three and a quanter lengths behind Berny the Durantie Charle States, much last home better at a trate-tim context. This must be
since, with Revoque, his market rival throughout the winter,	is possibility because Alexal made all at Haydook (1m) in May, while trivialized sectors in front when triuring off by Indiscreet at Notingham and again when third to Luca Cuman's
one of his two opponents. Both colts are now customers of the Last Chance Saloon.	Jainty Jack in a Letter rate at Italy last time. With John Duracy warming occurs prices or fainte, Yadensky can make his presence felt, while Alezal showed a turn of foot at Hay- dock, Although he's up in distance, Alezal has the chance to dictate which was hardly the
Tomba, third in last Friday's Haydock Park Sprint Cup won	case in his latest race, the Britannia Handicap at Royal Assot. Fanchading Rhythen did not beat much at Nottungham and was some way behind Anno Luce at Newmarkett. She needs to improve but the stable could handly be in better form. Selection: MUSALSAL
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SUIDE s given another chance after his tremendous Among Men in the Jersey Stakes, He was a	1996; Busy Fught 3 8 6 M Hits 5-1 (6 Hits) drawn (7) 9 ran FORM GUIDE If Multipolipured needs this after a lay-off, if could simply be a question of whether BUSY
vas turned over again at Deauville in a weak- naassib. Maznellik and Latalomine are both e previous run (impressive Newbury win) when	FLIGHT can hold off Messocise, because Bahlemian Molght has lost his way and Key To My Heart is struggling to find his best form. Second to Sasuru at Sandown on his
t Charitily, but he was then situck into when Palace at Royal Ascot. Latalomne resums at-	reappearance, Mutocoloured is worth the benefit of the doubt and it is obvious that he seem appearance agood deal since Busy Flight best him six lengths at Ripon in August last year. Busy Flight completed last season's har-trick with a four-length beating of Key To
ripressive witner on his debut at Nottingham ace at Sandown (1m). He is a falent but has race at Sandown on her debut, fell to places	My Heart at Newmarket, and it was there that he faaled by helf a length to hold off Time Allowed in the Jockey Club Stakes on his first run this year. Winner of a minor race at Newbury last month, Busy Flight should be difficult to peg back in a race he won a year
there 16 days leter, Selection: KAHAL NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D)	ago but Memorise will make life difficult. An improving cost, Memorise should have best- en Maytane at Goodwood and Maytane went on to best Dushyantor in the September Stakes at Epsom hwhere Baharman Krught was talled off on his first run since moving from
maity Value £4,110 Etierngon 9 7 1 Detical 5	David Loder to Reg Akehurst). Selection: BUSY FLIGHT
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ne Tover 7st 8th, Little Tumbler 7st. 1.1-2 Alliglia, 6-1 Rel de Danse, Wester Force, 7-1 genent Imp, 25-1 Little Tumbler drawn (2) 10 ran	BETERNI: evens Deggers Desem, 9-4 Saratogo Springs, 5-1 Carrowiseel, 12-1 Docksider, 33-1 Stone Of Desfery 1996: Bahhare 8 10 W Carson 4-6 fav (J Dunko) drawn (3) 4 ran FORM GUIDE
D STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added	It is not often that Herry Cock has a runner in this, his Multhamedov (1992) and Ball Har- box (1993) being well beaten since Shiring Steel finished second to Prince Of Denic back in 1988, DAGGERS DRAWN will be fancied to remain umbeaten, however, even
xt 4 9 7	though he faces his toughest test with Carrowkeel, Samitage Springs and Docksider in the line-up. Daggers Drewn beat Lord Kintyre a length and a half in the Richmond, whereas Carrowkeel had almost five lengths to spare over the same horse in the Gim-
Prince Parid Salman) H Candy 3 & 12 C Raider 1	crack. That could be misteading, however, as Doggers Drawn had to wait at Goodwood and won costly once the gap came, whereas Comowkeel was all out to best Bold Fact (Stablemate of Doggers Drawn) at York. Still, Carrowkeel is expected to improve for the
Auchenen) Mrs J Cecil 3 8 9	expenses and over the extra furlong and the York win shows he can battle. Saratoga Springs is again equipped with the visor he wore for the first time when the clear-cut win-
even, Lending Note, 11-2 Grand Splendom, 7-1 Lust) drawn (3) 5 cm	ner of a competitive-looking Acomb Stakes at York. The form received a boost when Teaput Row (fourth) won here on Wednesdey and could look even better if Mutzawwaj wins the opener. Docksder's second to the classy Central Park confirms he's on the upgrade and
STAKES (CLASS D) £6,500 added	behind him in that Goodwood race was Little Indian, who want on to upset the better- fancied Tracking and Hearn in the Soleno Stakes at Sandown, Selection: DAGGERS DRAWN
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E (180) (D) (BF) Mrs M Jones 6 10 0 M Danne (7) RH 20Y (18)(D)(BF) R Frost 9 10 0 M O'Camatr (7)	at York but seemed to find the final quorter mile of the Ebor Handicap a bit too much and had to settle for seventh behind Far Ahead. The day after the Ebor, in the race won by
- 8 declared - ue handicap weight: Hi Marble Bst 13th, Karkleigh	Honourable, Remnedf Som (third) did better than Deintesque (filth), My Learned Friend (ininh) and Celestial Choir (12th). It's proving tody to win a race with Remaud Sunt, though, and he's not guaramsed to confirm the form. That York run was Dartesque's first at this trip, Celestial Chor is a tough mare capable of bouncing book and My Learned
, 4-1 Lightning Quest, 11-2 Romellin, Hi Marble, is Bleu, 8-1 Page Royale, Kwickigh Boy	Finend's second to Zaralaska in the Old Newton Cup at Hoydock means he can't be ruled out. Catchable was a long way off the winner, Cyrian, on his only prewous run in a hand-
ORK ASSET FINANCE HANDICAP	trap, at Newbury, but that was on testing ground and he was highly tried in Three Cheers' Listed race at Newmarket, sast time. This could be more his sort of contest. There were only two other runners when Ferry Hill won a 0-80 conditions race at Newcastle's Sun- day respond but both proposets that were hardfeens beforehead and if one of those can
(USA) (20) (CD) M Pice 5 11 12	day meeting but both opponents had won handicaps beforehend and if any of these can improve it's probably the Prescott horse. He's run just five times. Another three-year-old to consider is Elibeatha, touched off by Debutante Days (completing a has-nick) in her
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Scotland assume control of their own destiny

The complex means of deciding the best runner-up in World Cup qualifying suits Craig Brown's men. **Matt Tench** explains

It was perhaps fitting that on the day the Scots went to the polls to decide their political future, it became clear that their country's footballing destiny would also be a matter for themselves. Well, almost...

Wednesday's frenzied evening of World Cup action was fol-lowed by an almost equally hectic night with calculators and slide rules as fans across Europe attempted to interpret a set of qualification rules which must have been devised by a Mensa sub-committee.

The upshot is that Scotland will qualify for the World Cup finals in France next summer if they beat Latvia at home next month - provided they are not the victims of a series of highly unlikely results in the meantime.

This is because of Fifa's qualifying stipulation that means that results against the bottom team - or, in six-team groups, bottom two teams - are ignored when comparing the records of runners-up - the best of whom qualifies for the finals automatically. Thus each team can achieve a maximum of 18 points. If Scotland beat Latvia they will have 13, a figure only two countries can surpass. One is Spain, but only if they first defeat Slovakia and then lose to the Faroe Isles while Yugoslavia beat Malta. It would be a set of results worthy of several stewards inquiries.

The other is Italy, who face England in the final game in Group Two. The situation for England is the simple one of qualification, provided they avoid defeat in Rome. If that result were a draw, Scotland would have a better record



Poland win in Georgia. Again, highly unlikely.

But, if Scotland only draw with Latvia, they could be pipped by Italy drawing with England regardless of other Group Two matches; by England even if they lose in Italy; and by Belgium if they beat Wales. Should England lose in Rome, they would still finish ahead of Belgium as long as the margins of a Belgian win over Wales and an England defeat in Italy do not exceed seven goals.

Scotland are due to play the Latvia game at Hibernian, though there is already a campaign afoot to move the game than Italy unless Moldova beat Georgia and Poland, then to a stadium larger than East-er Road's 16,218.

Wherever it is played, the Scotland coach, Craig Brown, insisted yesterday that there will be no complacency from his side. "The results were wonderful for us but we must not lose sight of the fact we still have to beat Latvia," Brown said. "It's only when that happens that we can be really sure we are through and may start to celebrate."

Ítaly's reaction to losing pole position in Group Two at the penultimate hurdle was predictably unforgiving, with the coach Cesare Maldini the focus for much newspaper criticism after his side's 0-0 draw in Georgia. "Someone should have told Maldini that a draw didn't reap our just reward. more pla in Tbilisi was not a useful, old- I've no complaints about the America.

fashioned away point but was in fact just the same as losing," thundered a front page leader in Gazzetta Dello Sport. "With all due respect, Maldini's Italy has in two not very difficult away ties - in which England picked up six points - managed to render that great Wembley result use-

Many commentators blamed Maldini for passing on his fears, particularly about his team's lack of early season fitness, for not taking the Georgians seri-ously, and for not bringing on the in-form striker Filippo Inzaghi until near then end. Maldini himself said: "We

team, they gave their utmost. As for the substitutes, I didn't bringthem in earlier because we were playing well in the second half."

Éngland were given an ear-

ly warning against complacency by Chelsea's Gianfranco Zola. "When Italy has its back to the wall, then it rises to the occasion and that's how it will be at the Olympic Stadium against the English," he said. As the calculations were go-

ing into the night in Europe, three South American sides were securing their places at the finals Argentina Colombia and Paraguay all booked pas-sages to France, leaving just one more place open in South

The biggest drama came in Santiago where Ariel Ortega, for some time hailed as the natural successor to Diego Maradona, orchestrated Argentina's dominated of a Chile side that

boasted a 100 per cent home

EUROPE

The nine group winners and the best runner-up will qualify directly for the finels. The off-er eight runners-up will be drawn in four pairs and play qualifying matches on a home and away basis on 29 Copber and 15-November.

ning flutures: 24 Sept: Mokiova v ı. 7 Oct: Mokiova v Poland. 11 Oct:

record. Marcelo Gallardo put the visitors ahead, but the lead was cancelled out by Marcelo Salas. With five minutes remaining Claudio Lopez struck a dramatic winner, despite Chilean claims of offside. Television replays suggested that the referee was right.

For once Faustino Asprilla was not the scorer as Colombia beat lowly Venezuela 1-0, but he did provide the cross for the

talented exports to Europe, have been left with virtually no chance of qualifying after losing to Peru in Lima.

Alvaro Recoba, who has upstaged Ronaldo as the two begin careers with Internazionale, put Uruguay ahead in the first half, but the Peruvians responded with goals from Roberto Palacios and the confusingly named German Carty to give the home side an excellent chance of claiming the final South

American qualifying spot. Having already been though two coaches, the outlook for opening goal in their 2-1 defeat Uruguay's Roque Maspoli is not Uruguzy, twice winners of the encouraging. Then again, it competition, and still able to provide a succession of highly anyway. Maspoli is 79.

Spurs ponder action on Iversen Gretna's great Cup expectations

Tottenham Hotspur are considering taking action against the Norwegian Football Association after their striker Steffen Iversen aggravated an ankle injury playing for the Under-21

team against Switzerland. training the previous week. "I was astonished to get a phone call from Norway saying that Steffen played," Gerry Francis, the Spurs manager, said. "He hadn't trained with us for over a week and we let him go to Norway purely so he could see their doctor to confirm that he was injured and be sent home.

"I was already resigned to the

Leicester on Saturday, so to find that he had played in Norway was a shock. We will certainly be looking into it to see what action we can take." Stuart Ripley will not play for

Blackburn for at least a fortnight Iversen was not expected to and he could be out for six weeks. The winger pulled up minutes after coming on as a second-half substitute during England's World Cup win over Moldova at Wembley on Wednesday - his first international appearance for four years. Nigel Clough has decided that Manchester City's reserve

team is no place for a forward who once commanded a £1.5m transfer fee and has joined fact he would not play for us at Sheffield Wednesday on loan.

SOUTHAMPTON: Sussex (4pts), with second-innings wickets standing, are 7 should at Hampshire (5).

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o-231 9-239. Boufing: Jarvs 16-1-71-1; Kirtley 15-3-41-4; Robinson 10-4-17-0; Bates 15-6-31-1; Khan 27-4-6-79-4.

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

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McCarthy, the Northern Ireland

time plugging the gap by sign-ing the 24-year-old Ainsworth for a club record - the fee topping that paid by Vale when they bought McCarthy from

Surrey v Lancashire THE OVAL: Surrey (3pts), with three first-in-nings wickets standing, are 338 runs behind Lancashire (7).

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7-254. To bat: M P Bedgreil, R M Arrun. Bowling (to date): Mertin 9-3-31-0; Chappie 7-2-18-0; Reignay 5-1-30-0; Keedy 32-10-89-4; Watherson 25-7-75-3.

Warwicks v Gloucestershire

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York City for £450,000 two years ago.
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er Mervyn Day has been sacked after a four-hour meeting with Knighton. Day, who took over

Although Carlisle have lost four of their opening six match-

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Non-League notebook RUPERT METCALF

The long road to Wembley continues this weekend with 143 ties in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup. The country's most famous sporting tournaevent: 141 ties take place in England, from Workington in Cumbria to St Blazey in Cornwall, one (Merthyr Tydfil v Brockenhurst) in Wales - and one in Scotland.

Gretna, who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. take on Mossley at their Raydale Park home, hoping to emulate their achievements of 1991, when they reached the

a replay. The Dumfries and Galloway-based side are the only Scottish club to compete in an English league, and in Football Association competitions.

Gretna have a team packed full of experience. Their long-Cartney, still plays at the age of 42 while the play-maker Rus-sell Coughlin, like McCartney a former Carlisle and Plymouth player, is a relative youngster at 37. Up front goals are expected from the 34-year-old lain Ferguson, who played in the 1987 Uefa Cup final for Dundee United and also served Rangers, Hearts and Dundee.

lucky to lose to Rochdale after an even older player-manager at the helm, the 45-year-old goalkeeper John Burridge. Another Northumberland outfit, the former Football League club Ashington, entertain Farsley Celtic in what could be the last FA Cup tie at their Portland

goal which was headed home by Wilmer Cabrera. The celebra-

tions were somewhat tempered

by a lacklustre performance in

which their playmaker Carlos

Valderrama began to look his

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American, welcomed back their

captain and goalkeeper Jose

Luis Chilavert after a four-

match suspension, and it was his

free-kick, belted from the edge

of his own penalty area, that was flicked on for Miguel Benitez's

of Bolivia.

Paraguay, whose style is more

The grand old stadium, which hosted a rather more glamourous FA Cup fixture against Aston Villa in 1924, during Ashington's eight seasons in the Third Division North, has been sold by its owners, Wansbeck District Council, for retail development. A new ground is to be built, but in the meantime Ashington, managed by the former Sunderland full-back.

first round proper and were un- short trip to Spennymoor with Cecil Irwin, who is a newsagent in the town, will move in with Bedlington Terriers.

Hyde United entertain Louth with more than just their FA Cup fortunes to worry about. Roy Oldham, the leader of Tameside Council, has caused a storm in north-west non-League Stalybridge Celtic and the other four senior semi-professional sides in the borough should merge and form two or three new clubs. However, indignant protests from all the clubs involved mean that the scheme is unlikely to become reality.

Four GM Vauxhall Conference sides face away ties with Leek, at Winsford, looking the most likely to suffer defeat.

Britannic Assurance County Championship Second day of laur, 10.30 today Durham v Somerset CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham (5pts), with three second-imings wickets standing, are 145 runs ahead of Somerset (5).

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international winger, to their First Division rivals Birmingham City for £1.5m, and then bought the Lincoln City winger Gareth Ainsworth for £500,000. "We were reluctant to see Jon

Port Vale vesterday sold Jon

go, but he turned down a new out at the end of the season for nothing," John Rudge, Vale's manager, said. "He has been a brilliant player and done a tremendous job for Port Vale." Rudge did not waste any

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

the club president Michael as manager 16 months ago, was not the only casualty at Brunton couldn't risk him just walking assistant coach, Peter Hampton, as well as the commercial manager, Martin Hudson, were also shown the door. David Wilkes, the club's youth team coach has taken temporary control.

es and are bottom of the Second Division, the sackings are not thought to be related solely to the team's poor start.

Blyth Spartans make the Russell's rescue act

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reports from Edgbaston Warwickshire 418 Gloucestershire 113 & 186-5

Gloucestershire were on the back foot for most of the day here yesterday, so much so that you might have suspected that their appetite for the game did not match War-wickshire's - until a glance at the Championship table told you they still have plenty to

Under the circumstances it took some doing to be dismissed in 40 overs on a pitch where their own bowlers had been flogged to all parts of the

introduced some badly need-

ground. Another four wickets soon

fell after the follow-on, before lack Russell and Sean Young

feat well inside two days and had added 77 when Young edged Ashley Giles's arm ball and was caught one handed at slip by Dominic Ostler, after a deflection off the wicketkeeper. It was Ostler's fifth slip catch of the day, and four of

them were one-handed. Russell, occasionally giving him-self room to thrash bowling of almost any length through the covers, had started to build a typically frustrating and bloody-minded innings when he turned his back on a short ball from Dougie

It struck him on the back of his helmet and, after lengthy treatment on the field he was obliged, or maybe even per-suaded, to retire, having faced 78 balls, feeling very groggy.

ed fibre to their day. The two He is expected to bat again today, if Gloucestershire's cause is not entirely lost by then. With their young opener Dominic Hewson unable to bat in either innings after being taken ill overnight. Glouces

> fore a ball was bowled after Neil Smith and Brown had taken their eighth-wicket partnership to 186. Even the sight of Allan Donald operating off a shortened run, perhaps in deference to a recent injury, did not cheer them; he quickly had Matthew Windows caught off

tershire were up against it be-

an inside edge. What followed was a pretty miserable performance during which Brown experienced the twin emotions of first having one batsman, Bobby Dawson, caught behind off a no-ball and

then another, Tim Hancock, dropped off a legitimate one, all in the same over.

HENRY BLOFELD reports from The Oval Lancashire 592-4 dec Surrey 254-7

Two lessons have come from the first two days of what so far has been a conspicuously boring match, in spite of the presence of no less than 12 who have played Test cricket.

Firstly, the pitch for the Oval Test was extremely dry and bare at both ends - the product of freak weather conditions - yet produced a fascinating game and was infinitely preferable to this one which was exceedingly flat and dull,

Then, at a time when the battle rages between those who favour a two divisional system with promotion and relegation and those who want the County Championship left as it is, one

Surrey go through the motions has to say that this match could have hardly been a worse example of what can happen at the end of the season under the ex-

> ly in spite of having high hopes, then in mid-season they started to play some quite decent cricket but they have left it too late to be a serious threat at the end. Now, for two days, they have not appeared to do anything more than go through the motions while waiting for the season to end.

isting system.

Lancashire too have not had a good a year as they would have liked and although they have played the better cricket here, will be pleased to get next week's final fixture over with. With little at stake, the combined effort has been a good deal less than vibrant.

If this can happen in the penultimate round of matches hand to avoid the follow-on.

who are in seventh and thirteenth places respectively, there will certainly almost be a fair number of other no contests Surrey began the season bad-

around the country. One of the planks of Lord start to 217 all out.
MacLaurin's platform is that a Four wickets each two-tier system with promotion and relegation will mean that many more of similar end-ofseason contests will have much more point to them than they do now. Let us have two divisions for a probationary period, say three years, and then lets

look at it again.
Lancashire went on until 20 minutes before lunch with Neil Fairbrother scoring the third century of the innings.

Surrey then began well before careless batting and, dare one way it, lack of interest cost wickets and left them needing 189 more runs with three wickets in

Middlesex driven by **Shah show**

ROUND-UP

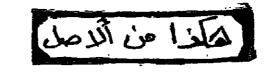
A maiden Championship century by Owais Shah for Middiesex helped the hosts to 430 for 8 declared against Nottinghamshire at Lord's, where the promising England A player took 273 balls to reach his mark. Nottinghamshire were

116 for 4 by the close. Derbyshire failed to save the follow-on against Worcester-shire at New Road, even though they recovered from 84 for 5 to finish on 223, with contributions from Matthew Cassar, who was unbeaten on 76, and the wicketkeeper Karl Krikken. The damage had already been done by Worcestershire, with Philip Weston, 188 and David Leatherdale, 93, allowing Tom Moody to declare on 554 for 8.

Durham have cause for concern on their second-innings score of 132 for 7 against Somerset at Chester-le-Street, where Mushtaq Ahmed and Andrew Caddick have both taken three wickets so far. The northerners lead by 145, after their pace attack ran through the visitors, reducing them from 75 for 1 at the

Four wickets each for the legspinner Amer Khan and the seamer James Kirtley set up a rare good day for Sussex against Hampshire at Southampton Hampshire lost their last eight wickets for 49. Sussex still had a first-innings deficit of 131 but finished the day in front on 201 for 3, thanks to a determined 81 not out from Toby Peirce.

Jonathan Dakin's knock of 135 not out put Leicestershire in control against Northampton at the County Ground, taking them to 380 for 6 at the close. Northamptonshire were earlier bowled out for 332, with James Ormond taking three wickets to finish with 6 for 68



Rusedski poised to make big jump

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Bournemouth

British tennis reporters used to experience little difficulty calculating the movement of home players in the world rankings. It was chiefly a case of subtraction. Nowadays, Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman have projected us into the realm of higher mathematics, if not the X-Files.

Rusedski is on the brink of becoming the first British man to crack the top 10 since the ATP rankings computer bleeped its first print-out in 1972. Indeed, for a few moments here yesterday Rusedski thought he had already made it.

By advancing to the quarter-finals of the Samsung Open with a stamina-sapping win against Australia's Richard Fromberg, 7-6, 7-6, Rusedski successfully defended his ranking points from the same week last year.

He was led to believe that the current No 10, Alex Corretja, of Spain, was about to lose his points from last year's Marbella tournament. However, the Marbella date was brought forward a week this year, so Corretja's points stay in the bank until Monday week.

reaching his target next Monday, he must advance to Sunday's final here on the slow clay courts Bournemouth. Another Spaniard, Carlos Moya, the world No 5, might have some- that match today," he said. "I

Rugby League

Warrington have begun their ex-

pected clear-out by announcing

an initial retained list for next

season of just 16 players. Those

who have been offered new con-

tracts include the cream of the

club's younger talent - headed

by the current Great Britain

squad members, Paul Scul-

thorpe and Jon Roper - but

there are notable absentees

who have played regularly in Su-

per League this season.

DAVE HADFIELD

thing to say about that should think I'm more tired than I was to tomorrow's semi-finals.

One day at a time. Rusedski must first overcome Lucas Arnold and Moya dispose of Davide Scale, an Italian qualifier. Although the name Arnold sounds more Yorkshire than Rusedski, he hails from Buenos Aires and is ranked No 134 in the world. Arnold, in common with the

Spanish contingent, is more comfortable on clay than the faster surfaces which suit Rusedski. "His brother, Patricio, once reached No 1 as a junior." Rusedski recalled. "Lucas must be playing pretty well to have beaten [Marc] Goellner and [Johan] Van Herck this week, and he's got nothing to lose tomorrow.

progress is likely to be the state of his fitness. He spent two weeks exerting himself on the concrete courts of New York in advancing to the final of the United States Open last Sunday before returning to London by Concorde of the West Hants Club.

There were clear signs - and sounds - of weariness during the second set of yesterday's match against Fromberg, a 21-year-old from Tasmania, ranked No 89, For Rusedski to be certain of who has built a reputation for his patient play on clay. Rusedski grunted and groaned his way through lengthy railies.

"If it would have gone three sets, I don't know if I'd have won

Warrington begin clear-out

Those include this year's

three signings from the Auck-

land Warriors - Willie Swann,

Tony Tatupu and Super League's leading try-scorer, Nigel Vagana - their fellow Ki-

wis, Kelly Shelford and George

Mann, as well as the Great

Britain internationals, Paul

been retained are Salesi Finau.

Paul Barrow, John Hough, Tony

and Gareth Davies, have been

Hulme and Richie Eyres.

both he and Rusedski advance against [Cedric] Pioline at Wimedon. I think I learned from that match. Mentally you can keep your body going by telling yourself, 'I can do it!"

It helps, of course, if you have a mighty serve with which to disabuse your opponent, particularly when it comes to a tie-break. Rusedski, who won three consecurive shoot-outs during the US Open, was too powerful for Fromberg in yesterday's duels.

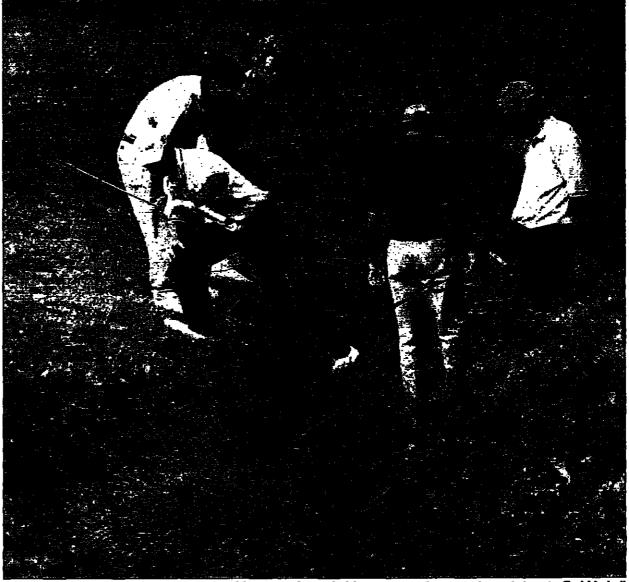
He won the first tie-break, 7-2, having looked the better player for most of the set. The second shoot-out was a salvage operation after Rusedski had been unable to convert either of two match points he created when serving at 5-4.

It would have been a pity if A bigger threat to Rusedski's fatigue had beaten Rusedski after he had produced some of his most impressive groundstrokes of the season, particularly on the backhand, in breaking Fromberg from 40-0 to take a 2-1 lead in the second set. Although broken back for

5-5, he managed to find the willpower to overcome his tiredness when it came to the tie-break, which he won, 7-3, to complete his victory after an hour and 40 minutes.

"I'm just going out there and trying to do my best," he said. I want to be in the top 10, and I'd like to do it here in Bournemouth."

TODAY'S QUARTER-FINAL LINE-LIP: G Ru-sedski (CB) v L Amold (Arg), C Moya (Sp) v D Scala (II), C Van Garsse (Be) v F Mantalle (Sp), M Ondruske (SA) v J Dez (Sp).



Steve Young climbs out of a ditch by the fifth green after a fruitless attempt by several spectators to find his ball

Seve up to his old tricks

ANDY FARRELL

reports from St-Nom-la-Bretêche

Once, the Lancôme Trophy was a highly exclusive event, in keeping with the chic surroundings near Versailles. The élite of the golfing world entertained the finest of Parisians, always excepting when they are detained by lunch. Times change.

The clubhouse restaurant is still of the highest quality, but the field, which numbered only eight for many years, has been expanded from 66 to 132 in the last three seasons. They have even let in someone ranked 173rd on the European money list and 293rd on the world rankings. Seve Ballesteros is an ex-

ception, however, and the Ryder Cup captain's 65 in the first round here was better than anything the seven members of his team who are competing could manage. Two of them, his playing partners, Jesper Parnevik and Darren Clarke. both shot 73. Mark O'Meara, the visiting American player, only scored a 69, and Greg Norman, the world No 1, a 67.

Quelle surprise. In 35 previous his captaincy and even Eu-

rope's chances at Valderrama. But, the team finally settled, Ballesteros' mood has improved dramatically. "I said to my cad-

birdies came in his last four holes, the longest from 15 feet at the sixth. That hardly tells the story of his four at that par five. The Spaniard, as all too often recently, drove into the trees, but then, as of old, produced a

green, but only the smallest window of opportunity. Unable to swing a club properly standing up, Seve sank to his knees and

hit a four-wood through the tiny

play three more rounds how I played today. I have a great chance." He laughed off sug-gestions of a last minute wild card for Valderrama, but the Spaniard in miracle-mode will be an asset, even off the course. | end of the day.

Britain lifted by King and Stark

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

reports from Burghley

The British team held a slender lead over New Zealand at the end of yesterday's first day of dressage at the Pedigree Chumsponsored European Open Three-Day Event Championships, in which Mary King and Ian Stark are now lying third and fourth individually.

King is 5.2pts behind the 2nyear-old Finnish leader. Piin Pantsu, on her wonderful little Polish-bred mare, Cyna. Pantsu rode Cyna to finish fifth in both the 1994 World Equestrian Games and the 1995 European Open Championships, so she is not going to relinquish the

lead lightly.

Andrew Nicholson, of New Zealand, is lying second on Dawdle, closely followed by King with Star Appeal, who were the winning combination here last year, and Stark on Arakai. King says Star Appeal tends to hide within himself but yesterday the 12-year-old gelding displayed a lightness of movement which evidently pleased the judges.

Stark's New Zealand-bred mount Arakai (by Ring the Bell who also sired this year's Grand National winner, Lord Gyllene) was much calmer than he was at Badminton when collecting 66 dressage penalties to finish the first phase back in 50th place. "I've had him for a year now and he's beginning to trust me, he's getting more confident and secure," Stark said of the nine-year-old, who has shown outstanding talent when jumping cross-country courses.

The riders have been surprised by the severity of the 30 cross-country fences which they will tackle tomorrow. "I was rubbing my hands with glee, because a big course should suit the British," King said. She will be the fifth rider, and the first of the British team, to set out.

Britain's two remaining team members, Christopher Bartle on Word Perfect II and William Fox-Pitt on Cosmopolitan II. will be riding their dressage tests today. If these two horses are on their best behaviour, Britain should still be in the lead at the

England have no answer to Kim's hat-trick

England's disappointing form continued in the Women's World Junior Cup in Seoul yesorday when they were beaten 6-3 by Korea in a crossover game and as a result will play China this morning for the 7-8th place. China beat South Africa 4-1 in a penalty shoot out after drawing 1-1 at the end of extra time.

In vesterday's semi-finals, Australia needed a golden goal in extra time to beat Argentina, the defending champions, 2-1, while the Dutch went through to tomorrow's final with a 3-1 win against Germany.

England never recovered from a fourth-minute goal by Korea's Hyang Mi Lee and a second from Min Ha Kim just on the interval. On the resumption, the hosts drave forward to create a 4-0 lead just 10 minutes into the half, with Kim claiming her second and Hyun Jung Woo the fourth.

After England had pulled two goals back through Rachel Walker and Louisa Turney midway through the second half, Kim completed her hat-trick. Lucilla Wright claimed England's third before Seong Eun Kim completed the scoring for

Although England had played with great commitment. they had no answer to the fast. fluid Korean strikers.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football 7.30 unless stated

NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION Bury v Manchester City (7.45).....

THIRD DIVISION FA CUP First round; Solituil Borough v Bur-ton Albion (8.0); Staines Town v Bromley. COLLABORI (B.UK) SHAPES LOWN V BROWNEY.
UNIDET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First DIVISION HASSOCIS V HOTSIAM YMCA.
HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE OF IRELAND Prepair Division: Bohemans v Shamnock Reset.

Rugby Union HEINEKEN CUP Pool A: Lemster v Leicester (5.30) (et Donnybrook, Dublin). EUROPEAN CONFERENCE Pool & Day v Lon-don Irish (7.0).

PREMIER LEAGUE: Arena Essex v Isle of Wight, (8.0); Edinburgh v Reading: Oxford v Newport: Oxford v Berwack (9.0).

Thorniley, John Thursfield, Andy Bennett and Paul Darbyshire. Two others, Chris Rudd

Athletics

Badminton
The defending world champion, China's Dong Jiong, was knocked out in the third round of the US Open Championships yesterday at the Orange County Badminton Club. The world No 2 and the tournament's top seed was beatan by the No 16 seed, Alan Budi Kusuma of Indonesia, 15-13, 18-13.

US OPEN GRAND PRIX (Orange, Callif, selector): Men's doubles, second round: M Andriavskay (Swell to S Watt (Sou) 11-4 11-2: K Mongan (Wal) bt C Read (Can) 11-0 11-0. Women's doubles, first round: Km Dong, Moon and Ha Tae Hwan (S Not) bt R Hogg and K Moddemss (Sou) 15-15-7: S Archer and C Hunt (Eng) bt M Berss, and B Moody

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 5 New York Yan-less 2: Chicago White Sox 3 Miniaules 1; Caldand 3 Toronto 2; Sesttle 10 Detroit 0. Calgano 3 formor 2; Sestre 10 beront 7; San National League: Colorado 9 Houston 7; San Francisco 7 St Louis 6 *in 10 i*nnegs; Chica-go Cuba 3 Chicamath 1; Montreal 5 Prasburgh 4; New York Mets 10 Philadelphia 2; Alfanta 7 Los Angeles 0; San Diego 4 Florido 3.

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Football

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British athletics yesterday received a £2.5m lottery funding boost after a deal between the English Sports Council and the British Afriletics Federation. Afficees will share £1.1m to help their preparations.

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Jeannie Longo, the 39 year-old French champion, is to retire at the end of the season after next month's road race championships in San Sebestian, Longo holds the women's hour record of 48,159km set last October in Mexico. She also won the road race Olympic title in Atlanta last summer and has amassed 11 world titles, as well as three victories in the women's Tour de France.

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The present coach, Darryl Van de Velde, has agreed a two year extension to his contract and is flying to Australia, where he hopes to finalise the signing of some players to replace the ones who will be leaving.

offered only part-time terms.

Negotiations are still going on

with some players, with War-

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Motor racing

Raily drivers are to be drug-tested for the first time at next month's Australian round of the world championship. The British driver Alister McRae, who will be competing along with his brother Col-in, supports the move to bring rallying into line with other sports.

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Liu Ben and Jing Zhang gave Chine a sweep of the gold medals in the 1 metre springboard competition yesterday, the opaning day of the FINA Diving World Cup in Mexico City, Liu, a silver medalist in the event at the last World Cup in 1995, took first place in the men's division with 301 20 nowing in heart the division with 391.20 points to beat the American Troy Durnais, who finished with 385.77. Yilin Zhou of China took the bronze with 385.62. Jing won the bronze with 385.62. Jing won the women's event with 281.55 points and was followed by countrywoman Tan Shuping the 1996 Clympic gold medal-ist, with 267,45. Dorte Lindner of Germany took the bronze with 265.98.

Pat Rafter, the new US Open champ-Par Harver, me new us upen champ-lon, will represent Australia in the Hop-man Cup mixed teams tournament in Perth. Australia, which runs from 4-10 January 1998. Rafter, 24, will team up with the teenager, Annabel Eliwood. SAMSUNG OPEN MEN'S CLAY-COURT TOUR-NAMENT (BOURNEMOUTH) Second round: L NAMENT (Bournemouth) Second round: L Arnold (Arg) bt J van Herck (Bel) 6-1 7-5; G Rusdeski (GB) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 7-6 7-6.

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(£2,500) that the former striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, now the vice-president of Bavern Munich, says is not enough for Germany's international footballers. "They should be paid 50,000 marks [£18,000]," he said.

The match fee in marks

fortable."

Ballesteros led on six under with the Australian Peter O'Malley. rounds of golf this year, Ballesteros had bettered 70 only twice, with two 69s. He was 97 over par and has only made two cuts, his rotten form building a permanent black cloud that has threatened to engulf him.

die before the start that I would have a good round." Seve said. "I felt happy, relaxed, com-Ballesteros was back to his old tricks. Four of his seven

miraculous recovery.

He had 185 yards to the

gap in the branches. The ball never rose more than 10 feet above the ground and finished just short of the green. "It felt like the old days," he said. Only one three-putt, at the

fifth, spoilt his card. On the whole his driving was much improved, his tempo particularly good. "That is my best golf for three or four years." said Ballesteros, who has not won for over two years. "I have been through a very tough time.
"Can I win? Why not? If I

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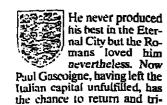
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edged closer to the World Cup finals, page 26

Roman redemption is beckoning for Gascoigne

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent



But only if he, and his England team-mates, remain injuryfree, "Give me my experienced the attermath of England's 4-0

win over Moldova at Wembley on Wednesday. He is too de-votional to make a direct appeal to fate but fortune will clearly have a part to play in Rome on 11 October. Already Alan Shearer has been ruled out through injury and Italy's Roberto Di Matteo through suspension. Teddy Sheringham and Tony Adams are on the way back but have still to prove their

It could hinge, however, on Gascoigne, who rolled back the years with a virtuoso display on Wednesday. At times it is hard to remember that he is only 30, so long has he filled the

back and front pages.

I didn't expect him to run games in the summer [Le Tournoi] but I saw signs in the summer of him coming back to his best," Hoddle said. "He showed against Moldova that he still has that ability, it is now a case of staying injury-free. Prevention is the key, he has to realise that at 30 he cannot go out drinking and has to have the

"He is maturing. Alan Smith [England's physiotherapist] has been with the squad much

has never seen Paul as quiet as responded. He is misunder-this week. He's been really fo-stood, at heart he is a smash-

Most people have heard this before, more than once, but Hoddle appears to believe that Gascoigne the person is finally controlling Gazza the personality. If this is true, he deserves credit for persevering

"That may be so." he replied, but it applies to all the staff and to him. He has to do it himself. At times I have had to come down hard on him for things he has done in training or matches and he has always

He knew what the headlines would be if he did not perform tonight: "Gazza's blown his last chance"; "Gazza can't play in Rome". He responded magnificently. You can say it was only Moldova but if it was that easy they would all have been doing

the things he did."

Not that it was his last chance. Hoddle, drawing on his own bitter experience, has consistently told Gascoigne he is prepared to wait for his form to return as long as his behav-

always being told it was my last chance and I needed the man-ager [Ron Greenwood and Bobby Robson to take the pressure off me. He never did.

well for him in this game.

"I know how he feels. I was

I've learned from that how to treat Paul." Not that Hoddle's praise was

unstinting. "He was magnificent with the ball but he will need to do more defensively against better teams, David Batty did In the absence of Shearer, and the possible loss of Sheringham,

Hoddle will also have been lifted by the sharpness in front of goal of Ian Wright and Paul Scholes. The latter was one of five Manchester United youngsters involved in the game, which gives the Champions' League match with Juventus on 1 October added spice.

"It will be more good experience for them," Hoddle said. "Last year they may have lost both games but I thought United improved all the time. They could easily have won with their second half performance at Old Trafford." And so to Rome. England,

ly to play the following XI: Seaman: G Neville, Adams. Campbell; Beckham, Gascoigne, Batty, Ince. Le Saux Sheringham or Scholes, Wright. It is a good mixture of youth and experience. of skill and steel with four regular goalscorers. Hoddle's England have a perfect away record, winning in Moldova, Georgia, Poland and France. A full house in the Stadio Olimpico is a daunting prospect but, as Hoddle added, "50,000 fans can be a bonus but if you don't get anything early on it can work against you.

Marsh calms Kent's nerves

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from Headingley Yorkshire 312 Kent 374

A rum old tussle is developing here with Kent and Yorkshire, two of the Championship's top three teams scraping for position in next week's endgame. With second-placed Glamorgan likely to take a full complement of points from their match with Essex, no quarter will be asked or given over the next two days, though Yorkshire will have to compete without their effervescent fast bowler Darren Gough, who tore a hamstring.

That said Kent, who have not won a Championship match here since the war, have probwholehearted career best by Chris Silverwood who took 7 for 93. With Gough's premature departure, it was just reward for some marvellous fast bowling that combined both aggression and swing.

Striking with the three key wickets of Alan Wells, Mark Ealham and Graham Cowdrey, either side of lunch. Silverwood gave Yorkshire real hope of taking a substantial first-innings lead. Once more though, Kent with their unvielding lower order again scoring the important runs, managed to finish the day

62 runs ahead, their inspirational captain Steve Marsh the penultimate man out for a stoic 84.

Marsh is having quite a season. He has never been a mug with the bat, but the 821 first-class runs he has so far scored this season surely make him the finest No 9 in the land. He is also one of the bravest, and despite a painful blow to his right thumb when Craig White thudded a bouncer home, he continued, uncomplaining as a series of trademark stiff-legged clips and pick-ups, found the fence at square leg.

Many sides, who have got rid of Kent's early order have come unstuck against the tail. It happened again yesterday, when having reduced the visitors to 202 for 7. Yorkshire allowed them to reach 374, eventually bowling the last man Alan Igglesden out, moments before d light and rain lopped 14 overs off the day's play.

There were half centuries too for Trevor Ward and Matthew Fleming and a handy contribution of 40 from the night-watchman Dean Headley. Few players hit the ball as hard as Ward, who having dealt almost exclusively in boundaries - 48 of his 56 runs coming in fours - was bowled leg-stump as he attempted another.

Fleming too, gives the ball a mighty thump. Coming to the crease during Silverwood's triple strike either side of the lunch gong, the all-rounder was



the dominant partner as 83 runs were made for the eighth wicket with Marsh. Once again it needed Silverwood to end yet another important cameo.

With Gough leaving the field in mid-afternoon and Paul Hutchison unable to find any swing, Silverwood was left to plough a lonely furrow. Running of them had faced all season.

down the hill at the Kirkstall Lane end, he bowled 23.3 overs. On the evidence of yesterday,

he has made considerable strides since his forays for England in Zimbabwe last winter. On a slow pitch several Kent batsmen attested to his short ball, saying it was the quickest thing many

It could have been a tricky day for Kent, who now both look and play like a team, a state of affairs in stark contrast to the side who finished bottom two years ago. If they do go on to win the Championship it would

be a triumph for such a whole-

hearted organism, and mud in

the eye for the more flamboy-

ant but under-achieving clubs

In a two divisional Championship they would not have been able to go so readily from top to bottom. Something that counties would do well to remember next Monday, when they vote on the matter at Lord's.

case earlier in the day. More reports, scorehoard, page 26

Rain delays Glamorgan's title charge

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Cardiff

Glamorgan 361 Essex 169 & 59-1

It would be cruel, but not surprising given the climatological vagaries this summer, if the weather were to dictate the course of the County Championship. Bad light and rain intervened at a critical point in Glamorgan's campaign yesterday, bringing a premature close to what had been a fascinating decimal and the forcest for day's play, and the forecast for

today is pretty grim as well.

There is no telling what damage Glamorgan could have inflicted on Essex second time around had 27 overs not been lost in the last session. The Welsh county certainly called the tune in the first innings. Steve Watkin, their Sorcerer of Seam, and Wagar Younis, their King of Swing, had Essex's batsmen reeling, rocking and rolling over some 192 runs adrift.

Stage Two of Glamorgan's Blueprint for County Championship success occupied a paltry 43 overs; and with maximum bonus points in the bag they promptly tightened their grip on proceedings by removing Darren Robinson, smartly taken by Matthew Maynard at short midwicket when Essex had two on the board in their second innings.

But aithough there were more alarms there were no further incursions, Paul Prichard and Nasser Hussain hung on to haul Essex to within 133 runs of making Glamorgan bat again and in so doing displayed a far more prudent approach to run gathering than had been the

Although he was the top scorer in the first innings. Stuart Law's almost cavalier attitude may possibly have encouraged

the mere mortals who make up the bulk of the Essex batting order to attempt to emilate his

lavish strokeplay.

The Queensland batsman eschewed singles in the main (he scored just two in his 63-ball innings), opting rather to first with danger as he hammered 14 boundaries and an armful of twos and threes.

While he was there it was entertainment of the highest quality, bordering at times on the majestic. Spectators could have been forgiven for thinking that he was playing in a one-day match, such was the vigour and flamboyance with which he compiled his 85 runs. But the effort was not unblemished. There were four opportunities to remove him, ranging from halfchances to near things. The pitch was deceptive. Low and slow and more difficult to score on than Law made it appear, but even he tripped up on occasion.

The most clear-cut of all was when, on 20, he drove Watkin hard, but tantalisingly short, to Waqar at mid-off, the Pakistani fast bowler sprawled forward but could not quite take the ball on the full; the hard return catch to Watkin was much later and less significant, coming two deliveries before his eventual dismissal, which gave Watkin his 50th wicket of the summer. In hetween, there were a couple of careless shots, fortunately into

space. Others were not so lucky. Wagar and Watkin finished with three wickets apiece, but had proved something of a troublesome twosome for Essex all day. The morning had seen them hanging around long enough to help Darren Thomas set Glamorgan up for a fourth batting point.

Danny Law mopping up the tail to finish with his best Championship figures for Essex of

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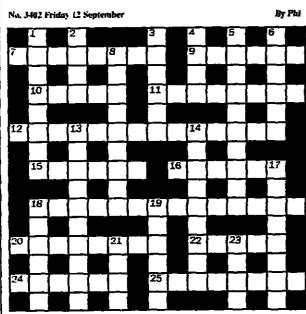
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England summon massed ranks

Rugby Union

CHRIS HEWETT

No fewer than 77 players, nearly the entire English-qualified population of the Allied Dunbar Premiership, were yesterday summoned by the Rugby Football Union to next Wednesday's national squad get-together at Bisham Abbey. Don Ruther-ford, the RFU rugby director who compiled the list in the glaring absence of a coaching panel, would have saved himself an awful lot of time had he simply named those not required.

Bisham is a huge, rambling complex and Rutherford clearly believes the England élite should expand to fill the space available. Five full-backs, eight wings and 13 - yes, 13 - second rows have been asked to attend, that last group pitting relative newcomers in Danny Grewcock and Chris Murphy along-side blasts from the past in the shape of Martin Bayfield and Richard West.

it was still unclear yesterday whether this great tide of rugby humanity would be introduced to the new coaching team when it descends on Buckinghamshire for next week's pow-wow. Contractual discussions with Clive Woodward, the chief coach designate, and two of his putative sidekicks, John Mitchell, of Sale, and Rob Smith, of Wasps, have yet to be concluded, although Twickenham sources were confident of an official announcement sooner rather than later.

As things stand, the players will

simply discuss the forthcoming

autumn internationals against

New Zealand, South Africa and Australia with senior RFU representatives, including Bill Beaumont and Fran Cotton. The Test

sequence begins at Twickenham

on 15 November when the Wal-

labies provide the opposition. No active training will take place dur-ing the Bisham rendezvous. Rutherford's "if in doubt, choose the lot" approach meant that all 22 English Lions from the summer tour of South Africa were included along with the 29 who finished the simultaneous summer series in Argentina, plus 26 outsiders. The most eye-catching promotions were those of Matt Perry, the ex-

THE 77-MAN TRAINING SQUAD Forwards: G Reventree (Leicester), J Leonard (Harisquins), D Gasforth (Leices-

Bayfield (Northampton), J Fowler (Sale), R Fidire (Goucester), M Hang (Beitl), M John-ann (Beitl), S Shaw (Maspe), N Red-man (Beitl), S Shaw (Maspe), D Shas-(Goucester), R West (Rchmond), D Graw-cock (Saraceris), T Rodber (Northampton), L Dellagillo (Masps), B Clarke (Richmond), A Dignose (Saracers), C Sheeaby (Maspe), R Hill (Saracers), R Jenidius (Harlequans), S Ojembh (Baitl), W Davidson (Harlequans), S Ojembh (Baitl), W Davidson (Haspe), P Scrivener (Waspe), P Scrivener (Waspe), N Back (Leicester), G Alifece (Harlequans). ceptionally gifted utility back

from Bath, and Chris Catling. the Gloucester full-back whose reputation as a cool and clever footballer continues to grow with every performance. Perry, in particular, could find himself fast-tracked into Test contention with almost indecent haste, for Woodward is a very public admirer of his talents.

Whoever ends up playing in the England back division when New Zealand arrive at Twickenham on 22 November will rest easier in their bed as a result of the news from Auckland yesterday. Jonah Lomu, the outsized All Black wing who made

such an unholy mess of the red rose defences during that nightmarish World Cup semi-final in Cape Town just over two years ago, has again delayed his return to top-flight rugby following chronic kidney trouble.

Lomu had intended to turn out in a friendly this weekend but failed to satisfy John Mayhew. the All Blacks' resident doctor, as to his fitness. "Jonah is im-proving, but he's not ready," said Mayhew. "He may pass our fitness programme next week - we are pleased with the way he is responding - but he remains on medication to control his kidney function and still feels a bit tight after training." Lomu's chances of making the All Black tour, which begins in Wales in a little over seven weeks, must now

be in considerable doubt. On the European front, Keith Wood and Thierry Lacroix have both been passed fit for Harlequins Heineken Cup pool match with Bourgoin, runners up in last year's French Championship, at The Stoop tomorrow.

McColgan confident she can conquer North test

Athletics

Liz McColgan is ready to see

off one of the strongest lineups she has ever faced as she bids to extend her BUPA Great North Run domination on Sunday.

McColgan will be bidding to win the half-marathon from Newcastle to South Shields for a fourth time - and third

But out to stop her will be her fellow Scot Yvonne Murray, the reigning world crosscountry champion, Derartu 10,000 metres champion, will Tulu of Ethiopia, and Bel-provide the sternest test for gium's Marlene Renders, one of the fastest marathon runners this year.

This is one of the toughest fields I have ever seen for any race - not just a half-marathon," McColgan said. "But I am prepared for it. "Preparations have gone re-

ally well, aithough I have been disappointed in some of the resuits. They have not given a true indication because I feel fitter than ever."

McColgan, although Murray is keen to tackle her again.

Murray finished fourth in the race last year after suffering with cramp, but is confident of going better this weekend as he builds towards a likely debut over the marathon in London next year. "It should be another great

race on Sunday because Liz and I bring out the best in each other," she said.

In the men's race, Britain, rector, John Caine, Tulu, the former Olympic could see its first winner since

Steve Kenyon in 1985. The favourités are likely to be Paul Evans and the European crosscountry champion, Jon Brown, who are using the race as preparation for next month's

Chicago Marathon. They will face the defending champion, Benson Masya, who was last night granted a late entry to the event he has won four times. "How could we say no to such a great champion and loyal supporter of the Great

North Run?" asked the race di-Evans, runner-up 12 months

ticipation of the Kenyan, who in 1994 set the British allcomers' half-marathon record with a time of 60min 2sec on the fast Newcastle to South Shields course.

He said: "I still intend taking the title. But I must say I'm delighted Benson will be in the field. It is only right he should defend his title.

"It will make the race more difficult for me and the rest of the boys, but with him there! am sure it will add to what is always an exciting occasion.

